



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2529

cosmetic laser procedures; supervision; dentists

Purpose

Allows a licensed dentist who specializes in oral and maxillofacial surgery to supervise an aesthetician or a laser technician in the use of a laser or an intense pulsed light (IPL) device for cosmetic purposes.

Background

Current statute allows a health professional licensed by one of the following boards, to supervise an aesthetician or a laser technician in the use of a laser or IPL device for cosmetic purposes: 1) medicine and surgery; 2) naturopathic medicine; 3) nursing; 4) osteopathic physicians and surgeons; or 5) physician assistants. The supervision is required to be within the health professional's scope of practice and must not conflict with statute. In order to supervise the use of a laser or IPL device, a health professional must have 24 hours of didactic training as outlined in the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency's (Agency) rules and must have passed an Agency-approved exam with a minimum of 80 percent. The health professional's licensing board may require additional training. According to the Agency, as of March 13, 2014, there were 332 health professionals trained to supervise the use of lasers or IPL devices.

According to the University of Maryland Medical Center, *oral maxillofacial surgery is a surgical specialty which involves the diagnosis, surgery and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving both the functional and aesthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region* (umm.edu). Maxillofacial relates to the jaw and face; oral relates to the mouth.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Adds a dentist who is licensed by the Board of Dental Examiners and who specializes in oral and maxillofacial surgery to the definition of *health professional* and allows this person to supervise an aesthetician or a laser technician in the use of a laser or IPL device for cosmetic purposes, if certain requirements are met.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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