

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2709.5, relating to sedation*
3 *and anesthesia in dental offices.*

4 [S 1146]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2709.5 as follows:**8 *§ 54.1-2709.5. Permits for sedation and anesthesia required.*

9 *A. Except as provided in subsection C, the Board shall require any dentist who provides or*
10 *administers sedation or anesthesia in a dental office to obtain either a conscious/moderate sedation*
11 *permit or a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit issued by the Board. The Board shall establish by*
12 *regulation reasonable education, training, and equipment standards for safe administration and*
13 *monitoring of sedation and anesthesia to patients in a dental office.*

14 *B. A permit for conscious/moderate sedation shall not be required if a permit has been issued for the*
15 *administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia.*

16 *C. This section shall not apply to:*

17 *1. An oral and maxillofacial surgeon who maintains membership in the American Association of Oral*
18 *and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and who provides the Board with reports which result from the*
19 *periodic office examinations required by AAOMS; or*

20 *2. Any dentist who administers or prescribes medication or administers nitrous oxide/oxygen or a*
21 *combination of a medication and nitrous oxide/oxygen for the purpose of inducing anxiolysis or minimal*
22 *sedation consistent with the Board's regulations.*

23 **2. That the Board of Dentistry shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act**
24 **to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**

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