

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2011 SESSION

CHAPTER 526

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

[S 1146]

Approved March 25, 2011

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2709.5 as follows:

§ 54.1-2709.5. Permits for sedation and anesthesia required.

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

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

C. This section shall not apply to:

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

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

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