



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

APPROVAL #62
CHAPTER #682

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MEMORANDUM filed with Senate Bill 3157, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to registered dental hygienists working without supervision but within a collaborative practice agreement with a licensed dentist”

A P P R O V E D

This bill authorizes dental hygienists to practice in newly authorized settings pursuant to a written collaborative practice agreement and written practice protocols with a licensed dentist. Under the bill, these new settings include, for example, appropriately equipped schools, long-term care facilities, facilities serving veterans, and domestic violence shelters.

This legislation’s goal of expanding access to dental care among underserved populations would be further advanced by including voluntary foster care agency health facilities among the new settings in which dental hygienists may practice within the bill’s defined parameters.

I have reached an agreement with the Legislature to enact this change in the upcoming legislative session. On the basis of this agreement, I am pleased to sign this bill.

This bill is approved.

Ruth Hochul