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By Mr. Means of Essex, petition of Roland A. Barrette relative to the examination and qualifications of female dental hygienists. Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF FEMALE DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 51 of chapter 112 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out said section and in-  
3 serting in place thereof the following new section:—

4 *Section 51.* Any female person of good moral char-  
5 acter, nineteen years old or over, who is a graduate of  
6 a training school for dental hygienists requiring a  
7 course of not less than one academic year and ap-  
8 proved by the board, may, upon the payment of  
9 twenty dollars, be examined by the board in subjects  
10 considered essential by it for a dental hygienist, and,  
11 if her examination is satisfactory, shall be registered  
12 as a dental hygienist and be given a certificate allow-  
13 ing her to practice dental hygiene.

14 A dental hygienist may, under the direction of a  
15 registered dentist and subject to such rules as may be  
16 adopted by the board, perform any or all of the fol-  
17 lowing duties:— (1) remove all tartar, deposits, ac-  
18 cretions and stains from the exposed surfaces of the  
19 teeth and directly beneath the free margin of the gums;  
20 (2) polish the teeth and fillings therein; (3) record or  
21 report to a registered dentist any oral conditions

22 observed; (4) make topical applications of medicinal  
23 agents to the teeth and other oral tissues for prophy-  
24 lactic purposes; (5) assist a registered dentist in any  
25 phase of operative and surgical procedures in dentistry  
26 and in anaesthesia.

27 An applicant failing to pass a satisfactory examina-  
28 tion shall be entitled to one re-examination at any  
29 meeting of the board, free of charge, but for each  
30 subsequent examination thereafter shall pay ten dol-  
31 lars.