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For the purposes of this section, by application for and acceptance of a license to practice, a licensed dental hygienist is considered to have given consent to a mental or physical examination when directed by the board. The board may direct a dental hygienist to submit to an examination whenever the board determines the dental hygienist may be suffering from a mental illness that may be interfering with the competent practice of dental hygiene or from the use of intoxicants or drugs to an extent that they are preventing the dental hygienist from practicing dental hygiene competently and with safety to patients. A dental hygienist examined pursuant to an order of the board may not prevent the testimony of the examining individual or prevent the acceptance into evidence of the report of an examining individual. Failure to comply with an order of the board to submit to a mental or physical examination results in the immediate suspension of the license of the dental hygienist by order of the District Court until the dental hygienist submits to the examination. [2003, c. 669, §10 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 669, §10 (NEW).

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