

LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

Through your support, PDA has:

PASSED legislation that expands the scope of practice for expanded function dental assistants to include some hygiene functions performed under dentists' direct supervision.

AMENDED legislation requiring dentists to carry malpractice insurance by including an exemption for dentists with volunteer licenses and those who practice in community based settings.

REMOVED the dental profession from legislation that would have required dentists to modify their offices to comply with requirements for ambulatory surgical centers.

DEFEATED legislation that would have required dentists to submit proof of having paid taxes before renewing their dental license, threatening their livelihood if the state made mistakes processing this information.

REMOVED provisions in a city ordinance that required dentists to install amalgam separators and display a poster in their offices needlessly alarming patients about the dangers of "mercury amalgam."

DEFEATED legislation requiring dentists to report information to the state's Internet database comparing fees for dental services and treatment.

FORCED an insurance company to reinstate its policy providing health care coverage for the removal of wisdom teeth.

DEFEATED legislation allowing municipalities to remove fluoride from water supplies without prior notification to the public or Department of Environmental Protection.

AMENDED legislation to prohibit dental hygienists from opening independent private practices, while requiring additional training and education for those hygienists practicing independently in public settings.

TRANSFORMED the dental profession by convincing the legislature to legitimize the practice of expanded function dental assistants, increasing dental office productivity.

SUCCEEDED in keeping dentistry out of legislation expanding the sales tax to include taxation of health care-related services.

STOPPED the legislature from passing a bill prohibiting dentists from administering general anesthesia and deep sedation in their offices.

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