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Bill 17

An Act to amend the Denturologists Act



Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to remove the obligation requiring denturologists to perform certain acts only where prescribed by a dentist or when a dental health certificate issued by a dentist is produced. However, in the case of partial dentures, the denturologist must inquire whether the patient has been examined by a dentist in the last year and, if not, inform him that prior examination by a dentist is strongly recommended.

In addition, the bill specifies certain acts a denturologist is not authorized to perform in the practice of his profession.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 7 of the Denturologists Act (R.S.Q., chapter D-4) is replaced by the following section:

“7. Before performing an act referred to in section 6 with respect to a removable partial dental prosthesis, the denturologist shall assure himself that the patient has been examined by a dentist in the last twelve months by requesting him to sign the form reproduced in Schedule I or, if the patient has not been so examined, he shall request him to sign the form reproduced in Schedule II.

The denturologist shall countersign the form or the notice, as the case may be, give a copy to the patient and file a copy in his records.

The obligation imposed upon the denturologist under the first paragraph also applies to the repairing of a removable partial dental prosthesis fitted or replaced before (*insert here the date of coming into force of this section*) without a dentist prescription or the production of a dental health certificate issued by a dentist in the last twelve months.”

2. Section 8 of the said Act is replaced by the following section:

“8. No denturologist may, in the practice of his profession, perform root planing or teeth scaling or polishing, or perform any act for the diagnosis or treatment of any defect of the teeth, mouth or maxillae, including

- (1) the prescription and taking of X-ray photographs;
- (2) local infiltration anaesthesia;

(3) the insertion of implants;

(4) the trying, fitting, adjusting or replacement of maryland bridges, crowns and bridges, overlay dentures and implant-fitted prostheses;

(5) alteration of the mouth or teeth structures such as tooth reduction or the preparation of support cavities and guiding planes.”

3. The said Act is amended by adding, at the end, the following schedules:

“SCHEDULE I
(section 7)

CONFIRMATION OF DENTAL EXAMINATION

Before performing any act with respect to a removable partial dental prosthesis, the denturologist shall assure himself that the patient has been examined by a dentist in the last twelve months.

I confirm having been examined by ,
dentist, practising at

.....
signature of patient* (date)

The denturologist shall countersign this form, give a copy to the patient and file a copy in his records.

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signature of denturologist (date)

* *If the patient is a minor, signature of the tutor or the person having parental authority.*

“SCHEDULE II
(section 7)

NOTICE

Denturologists not being authorized to make a diagnosis, you are hereby informed that prior examination by a dentist is strongly recommended prior to treatment by a denturologist.

I hereby acknowledge having taken notice of the content of this notice.

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signature of patient* (date)

The denturologist shall countersign this notice, give a copy to the patient and file a copy in his records.

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signature of denturologist (date)

* *If the patient is a minor, signature of the tutor or the person having parental authority.*”

4. This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*).