

# North Carolina Dental Hygiene Association

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Currently, there is a proposed bill (**H286/S440**) in the North Carolina General Assembly, which could allow dental hygienists in North Carolina to administer local anesthesia. While this is a positive advancement of the dental hygiene profession in North Carolina, NCDHA leadership has some concerns with the language of the bill and we want all hygienists to be informed of this process and to know that NCDHA is working for you! We have also contacted the governmental affairs division of ADHA and have received their full support.

NCDHA recently learned that this bill was presented in the North Carolina House on March 19, 2015. Unfortunately, this happened without soliciting input from our association in either the writing or introduction of this important piece of legislation. Subsequently, we learned the bill was read in the Senate on March 30, 2015 and was then sent to the Committee on Rules and Operations for further review.

We have many concerns with the current language of the proposed bill and are working hard to amend the language, in a way that we feel is more obtainable for NC dental hygienists.

Please visit:

<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2015&BillID=s440> to read the proposed bill and follow its progression.

While we have these concerns with the current language of the bill, opposition may affect the positive outcome. This is a challenging position for dental hygienists in NC. We encourage you to contact your legislators via e-mail or phone, and voice your concerns, both **POSITIVE** & **NEGATIVE**, regarding Senate bill 440.

Click the link below to identify your legislators:

<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/members/memberList.pl?sChamber=senate>

**North Carolina Dental Hygiene Association, Executive Committee**