

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.16605 Use of words, titles, or letters.**

Sec. 16605. The following words, titles, or letters, or a combination of any of those words, titles, or letters, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those individuals who are authorized under this part to use the following terms and in a way prescribed in this part:

(a) "Dentist", "doctor of dental surgery", "oral and maxillofacial surgeon", "orthodontist", "prosthodontist", "periodontist", "endodontist", "oral pathologist", "pediatric dentist", "dental hygienist", "registered dental hygienist", "dental assistant", "registered dental assistant", "dental therapist", "r.d.a.", "d.d.s.", "d.m.d.", "r.d.h.", and "d.t."

(b) Beginning September 1, 2022, "oral and maxillofacial radiologist", "dental anesthesiologist", "oral medicine doctor", "public health dentist", and "orofacial pain specialist".

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