

# Dental Hygienists Matter

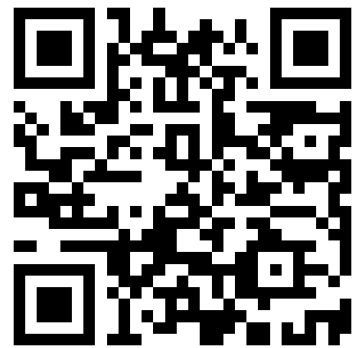
Protect **standards of care** in preventive dentistry. Learn what Virginia's proposed "Route B" workforce bills would change—and how to take action.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

- **SB 178 / HB 970** are described as "Route B" workforce expansion.
- They create/expand a "preventive dental assistant" role authorized for limited scaling/polishing (often framed as "above-the-gumline" cleanings) under supervision.
- Concerns include **incomplete care**, **patient confusion**, and inconsistent training/competency verification.

**Patients deserve clarity.** If roles expand, people must know who provided care, what was done, and what follow-up is recommended.

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