



## Academy of Laser Dentistry States That Prohibit Laser Use by Dental Hygienists (Draft 4.16.2018)

State	Regulation	Ruling	Description: State Practice Act (SPA) Relative to Dental Hygiene Use of Lasers	State Agency Contact Data
Florida	N	466.023-024(2)	In 2018, FL State Board denied the request and is not pursuing any further action	4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, 850-245-4474, fax 850-921-5389, sue_foster@doh.state.fl.us.
Louisiana	N	Ch 7 701 B.2.	Says hygienists can't cut or do surgical procedure with laser, may have new pending information soon	365 Canal Street Suite 2680, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, 504-568-8574 fax 504-568-8598, pburkhalter@lsbd.org.
Mississippi	N	73-9-5 (1)	Board regulation 13- No, Dental Hygienists provide treatment to prevent oral disease, periodontal disease	600 East Amite Street Suite 100, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 601-944-9622 fax 601-944-9624, dental@dentalboard.ms.gov.
North Carolina	N	21NCAC 16G.0101 (23)& 0103 (2)	Apply sulcular antibiotic and surgical or cutting procedure on hard or soft tissue included	507 Airport Boulevard Suite 105, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560, 919-678-8223 x1782, fax 919-678-8472, info@ncdentalboard.org.
West Virginia	N		Lasers limited to dentists only, even low power lasers	1319 Robert C. Byrd Drive PO Box 1447, Crab Orchard, West Virginia 25827, 877-914-8266 fax 304-253-9454, wvbde@suddenlinkmail.com.

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