

**Legislative Testimony
Public Health Committee
SB 993 AAC Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary
Friday, March 15th, 2013
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Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Dr. Mark Desrosiers. I have been practicing dentistry in Putnam, West Hartford and Glastonbury since 1988. I am here representing the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) as its' President-Elect to testify in favor of Senate Bill 993 An Act Concerning Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries.

The CSDA represents over 2600 members. As we have in the past, we support this bill being sponsored by the CT Dental Assistants Association. We ask you to vote for this bill for the following reasons:

1. The Certified Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary is successfully used in more than 40 other states and is properly certified by the Dental Assisting National Board.
2. The US Navy, Indian Health Service and US public Health Service have also used it with success.
3. The use of the expanded function auxiliary has increased efficiency in delivering care without sacrificing quality of care. Increasing capacity to render care can lead to reduced costs and increased access.
4. Implementation of this provider in CT will have little to no cost to our state.
5. Last year our CT DPH reviewed this provider as part of the recent legislatively enacted scope of practice procedure and reported very favorably on it.
6. This new provider gives our current auxiliaries (assistants and hygienists) an additional career path that allows them to broaden their horizons.

The CSDA supports this bill and hopes that you will support it by voting for it. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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