



## **2012 Local Anesthesia Legislation Highlights**

The FDHA Florida Dental Hygiene Association and FDA Florida Dental Association have been working together to authorize dental hygienists in Florida to join the ranks of hygienists from 44 other states in administering local anesthesia

### **Bill Sponsors and Numbers**

**Representative Corcoran**

**Senator Bogdanoff**

**HB 1313**

**SB 1040**

The following are highlights from this bill

- A RDH may administer intraoral block and soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, to a non-sedated patient 18 years of age or older under the direct supervision of a dentist
- The local anesthetic courses will be offered by dental or dental hygiene programs that are accredited by CODA or board approved. The fees for the courses will be determined by the institutions offering the program
- A minimum of 30 hours didactic instruction and 30 hours of clinical experience will be offered by each course. 60 hours total
- Current certification in basic life support and cardiac life support is mandatory
- Upon successful completion of a Local Anesthetic course each candidate will apply and be issued a one-time certificate (not to exceed \$35.00) from the Department of Health that will be displayed in any location that a hygienist is delegated to administer anesthetic

The course curriculum will be directed by the statute as stated in the above named bills.