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Allowing untrained and uncertified people perform the duties of an Expanded Function Dental Assistant will most certainly cause a public safety hazard for patients as Dental Assistants have to pass training for asepsis and safety, proper sterilization and cross contamination, as well as current laws and proper procedures. Not only is this an unsafe and dangerous Bill proposal but also renders the valuable training and education of current Assistants less valuable in the industry, saturating the job market with cheaper, untrained labor which may be beneficial for the bottom line of business owners but would be absolutely contrary to the standards of public health and safety. This is not only an unsafe proposal for patients and staff alike but reeks of greed and a complete lack of public concern and safety.