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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 514, L.D. 697, Bill, "An Act To Require the Installation of Dental Amalgam Separator Systems in Dental Offices"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1-A (page 1, lines 5 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'1-A. Amalgam separator system. "Amalgam separator system" means a device that removes dental amalgam from the waste stream prior to its discharge into either the local public wastewater system or a private septic system located at the dental facility and that meets a minimum removal efficiency of 95% if installed prior to March 20, 2003 or 98% if installed on or after March 20, 2003, as determined through testing in accordance with standards contained in "ISO 11143, Dental Equipment - Amalgam Separators," published by the International Organization for Standardization, in effect on the date the system is installed.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph C (page 2, lines 16 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'C. Installation, operation and maintenance of an approved amalgam separator system by a dentist in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations must fulfill the requirements of this section. A dentist must demonstrate proper operation and maintenance by maintaining, for a period of 3 years, all shipping records for replacement filters sent to licensed recyclers and written documentation that demonstrates that the system has been properly inspected and maintained.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 in paragraph D in the 4th line (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "section" the following: 'L'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

### SUMMARY

The amendment amends the definition of "amalgam separator system" to include a device that removes dental amalgam from the waste stream prior to its discharge to a private septic system located at a dental facility. The amendment also requires dental amalgam separators to meet a minimum removal efficiency of 95% if installed prior to March 20, 2003 or 98% if installed on or after March 20, 2003 as determined through testing in accordance with standards of the International Organization for Standardization in effect on the date the system is installed. The amendment requires dentists to maintain, for a period of 3 years, all shipping records for replacement filters and written documentation to demonstrate that the amalgam separator system has been properly inspected and maintained.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

Approved: 04/10/03 *MAC*

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 697**

**An Act To Require the Installation of Dental Amalgam Separator  
Systems in Dental Offices**

**LR 1054(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund