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therapists in the State. The law requires the department to invite the participation of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, the Maine Public Health Association, the Board of Dental Practice, the Maine Dental Association, the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association, the Maine Oral Health Centers Alliance and dentists working in private practice who serve the oral health care needs of underserved and high-need populations. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation must provide technical assistance to the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the Board of Dental Practice.

Resolve 2025, chapter 156 requires the department to submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 15, 2027 and authorizes each joint standing committee to report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2233 An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All Physicians and Physician Associates

Public Law 2025, chapter 738 combines the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine into a single licensing board, known as the Maine Board of Medicine, for all physicians and physician associates, effective January 1, 2027. Licenses issued by the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure remain in effect until their expiration and the authority over those licenses is transferred to the Maine Board of Medicine.

The law also requires the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine to report on the planning completed by the boards prior to the establishment of the Maine Board of Medicine, including recommendations for any suggested legislation necessary to further implement the merger, to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing board matters no later than January 31, 2027. The law authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 2242 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 6: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationship for Naturopathic Doctors, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers.

Resolve 2025, chapter 158 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.