

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 440**

S. P. 136

In Senate, January 30, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cummings of Penobscot.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Include Procedures Performed by Dentists and Dental Hygienists under Health Insurance Policies and Health Care Contracts which Pay Benefits for those Procedures if Performed by a Physician.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

24-A MRSA, § 2437, is enacted to read:

§ 2437. Procedures covered by health insurance policies whether performed by physician or by dentist or dental hygienist

1. Terms "physician" or "doctor" include dentist or dental hygienist in certain situations. Whenever the terms "physician" or "doctor" are used in any policy of health or accident insurance issued in this State or in any contract for the provision of health care, services or benefits issued by any health, medical or other service corporation existing under and by virtue of any laws of this State, these terms shall include within their meaning those persons licensed under and in accordance with the laws relating to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, Title 32, chapter 16, in respect to any care, services, procedures or benefits covered by that policy of insurance or health care contract which those persons are licensed to perform, any provisions in any such policy of insurance or health care contract to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. **Applicability.** This Act shall be applicable to all policies in this State, regardless of date of issue, on the effective date of this Act.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to insure coverage for the consumer for procedures his accident or health insurance policy now includes whether those procedures are undertaken by a physician or by a dentist. This bill will not extend coverage for policies now in force.