

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1497

H. P. 1269

House of Representatives, April 11, 1977

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for the Posting of Certain Common Dental Fees.

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

32 MRSA § 1094-B is enacted to read:

§ 1094-B. Posting of dental fees

1. Requirement. Each dentist engaged in the practice of dentistry shall maintain in a conspicuous place in his patient waiting room a list of the 10 most common dental procedures performed in this State, together with the price charged by that dentist for performing each of those procedures. If 2 or more dentists maintain a common patient waiting room, and if the fees charged for each procedure listed are identical, those dentists may maintain only one list in their waiting room. A dental procedure as used in this section means any dental operation, oral surgery or other dental service of any kind listed in section 1081.

2. Determination of 10 most commonly performed dental procedures. The Board of Dental Examiners, after public hearing conducted in accordance with Title 5, Part 6, shall determine the 10 most commonly performed dental procedures in this State. The board shall review this list annually and shall make any necessary revisions to it.

3. Specifications. The list maintained under subsection 1 shall conform to the following specifications.

A. The list shall be of uniform size and shall be no smaller than 24 inches wide by 24 inches high.

B. The list shall include the common name of each dental procedure as determined by the Board of Dental Examiners, and a space for the insertion of the current price charged by that dentist for performing that operation.

C. The list shall be printed in type sufficiently large to be easily read; and

D. The list shall be compiled alphabetically.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as preventing a dentist from changing at any time the current price charged by him for performing a dental procedure at any time, provided that the listed price for that dental operation is simultaneously adjusted to reflect the new current retail price.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires dentists to maintain in their waiting rooms a list of the prices charged for the 10 most commonly performed dental operations.