

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1165

H. P. 977

House of Representatives, March 9, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Holloway of Edgecomb.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Equitably Adjust Fees for Dental Services Provided under the Maine Medical Assistance Program.

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

22 MRSA § 3173, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 127, § 144, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The department shall increase the fees contained in its fee schedule for dental services annually by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index as defined in Title 5, section 1001, subsection 6-A.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Maine dentists have unselfishly continued to provide dental services to persons eligible under the Maine Medical Assistance Program, Medicaid, by accepting fees for their services which were established by the Department of Human Services in 1969. The purpose of this bill is to establish fees for dental services which are fair, reasonable and adequate not only for the participating dentists, but for the State, and to ensure that high quality dental services continue to be made available to persons eligible for such services under the Maine Medical Assistance Program.