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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Provide for Identification on  
18 Dentures.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 32 MRSA §1094-B is enacted to read:

23 §1094-B. Removable dental prostheses; owner iden-  
24 tification

25 1. Identification required. Every complete  
26 upper and lower denture and removable dental  
27 prosthesis fabricated by a dentist licensed under  
28 this chapter, or fabricated pursuant to his work  
29 order or under his direction or supervision, shall be  
30 marked with the name and social security number of  
31 the patient for whom the prosthesis is intended. The  
32 markings shall be done during fabrication and shall  
33 be permanent, legible and cosmetically acceptable.

1 The exact location of the markings and the methods  
2 used to apply or implant them shall be determined by  
3 the dentist or dental laboratory fabricating the  
4 prosthesis. If, in the professional judgment of the  
5 dentist or dental laboratory, this identification is  
6 not practical, identification shall be provided as  
7 follows:

8 A. The social security number of the patient may  
9 be omitted if the name of the patient is shown;

10 B. The initials of the patient may be shown  
11 alone, if use of the name of the patient is  
12 impracticable; or

13 C. The identification marks may be omitted in  
14 their entirety if none of the forms of identifi-  
15 cation specified in paragraphs A and B are  
16 practicable or clinically safe.

17 2. Dentures already in existence. Any remov-  
18 able dental prosthesis in existence prior to the  
19 effective date of this section, which was not marked  
20 in accordance with subsection 1 at the time of its  
21 fabrication, shall be so marked at the time of any  
22 subsequent rebasing.

23 3. Technical assistance. The Commissioner of  
24 Human Services shall provide technical assistance for  
25 marking methods and materials and other matters  
26 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
27 section.

28 4. Violations. Failure of any dentist to com-  
29 ply with this section is a violation for which the  
30 dentist may be subject to proceedings pursuant to  
31 section 1091, provided that he is charged with the  
32 violation within 2 years of initial insertion of the  
33 dental prosthetic device.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 The purpose of this bill is to require that den-  
36 tures carry identifying markings so that the wearer  
37 may be identified. This is very useful in cases  
38 where people are involved in fires, airplane crashes

1 and other disasters where identification of the vic-  
2 tims may be difficult.

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