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Then

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative NASH of Camden and Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

# STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Change the Specifications for Membership of the Maine Dental Health Council.

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

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22 MRSA §2097, 3rd  $\P$ , as enacted by P&SL 1975, c. 90, A, is amended to read:

б An official employee, consultant or any other individual employed, retained or otherwise compensated by or representative of the Executive Branch of Maine State Government shall may not R be a member of the council; but shall assist the council if so 10 requested. Membership shall must include 4 dental health personnel, including one--hygionist--and--one--dentist--or--other 12 professional--staff-employed-full--time--by--a-private--nonprofit dental-clinic-program 2 professional staff, at least one of whom 14 must be a registered dental hygienist employed at least 1/2 time by a public or private nonprofit dental clinic program and 2 16 dentists employed in private practice, one of whom shall must be appointed from a list of at least 3 names submitted by the Maine 18 Dental Association and 5 interested citizens representing a balance of diverse seeial--ecenemic socioeconomic groups and geographic locations, who shall may not be employed in the dental 20 health or medical care professions, or members of the immediate 22 family of any person employed as a dental health or other medical care professional.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

Present law requires that membership in the Maine Dental Health Council include one hygienist and one dentist or other professional staff employed full time by a private nonprofit dental clinic program. There are a limited number of people eligible for membership in this category because there are very few private dental clinic programs. This bill allows persons working in public programs and those employed less than full time to be named to the council to open a larger pool of potential members.