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H.P. 1472

House of Representatives, March 30, 1999

An Act to Allow Doctors of Dentistry to Prescribe Physical Therapy.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, BUCK of Yarmouth, WINSOR of Norway.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1089, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A,
4 §71, is further amended to read:

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§1089. Drugs and dental procedure

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A dentist has the right to prescribe ~~physical therapy~~, drugs
10 or medicines, perform surgical operations, administer general and
local anesthetics and use appliances as may be necessary for
12 proper dental treatment. A dentist is authorized to take case
histories and perform physical examinations to the extent the
14 activities are necessary in the exercise of due care in
conjunction with the provision of dental treatment or the
administration of general or local anesthetics. A dentist is not
16 permitted to perform physical examinations within a hospital
licensed by the Department of Human Services unless this activity
18 is permitted by the hospital.

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SUMMARY

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This bill authorizes dentists to prescribe physical therapy
as may be necessary for proper dental treatment.