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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1490, L.D. 2128, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of Dental Hygienists"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding Public Health Supervision of Dental Hygienists'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Rule amendment regarding public health supervision of dental hygienists. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2001, the Board of Dental Examiners shall amend the rule regarding public health supervision of dental hygienists in order to provide less restrictive public health supervision of dental hygienists. The rule must be consistent with current standards of patient care and must maintain a supervisory relationship with a dentist licensed in the State. The rule must provide that a dental hygienist practicing under public health supervision in an institutional setting may be directly employed and compensated by the institution for which services are being provided. The purpose of the rule change is to encourage greater utilization of services in institutional, public health and other settings outside a dental office. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Board of Dental Examiners within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor additional costs to amend rules regarding public health supervision of dental hygienists. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment changes the title and format of the bill and directs the Board of Dental Examiners to amend the rule regarding public health supervision of dental hygienists in order to provide less restrictive public health supervision of dental hygienists. The purpose of the rule change is to encourage greater utilization of services in institutional, public health and other settings outside a dental office. Rules adopted pursuant to this provision are designated as routine technical rules. The amendment adds a fiscal note.