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An Act To Allow the Independent Practice of Dental Hygiene

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

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Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Gardiner, JACKSON of Allagash, PATRICK of Rumford, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1073, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 107, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Rules.** Adopt rules in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act
5 that are necessary for the implementation of this chapter. The rules may include, but
6 need not be limited to, requirements for licensure, requirements for dental hygienists
7 engaging in independent practice, interviews for licensing and renewal, continuing
8 education, inactive licensure status, use of general anesthesia and fees for providing a list
9 of addresses of licensed professionals upon request;

10 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1095**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §79, is further
11 amended to read:

12 **§1095. Definition**

13 The dental hygienist who practices under the supervision of a dentist of record, or
14 independently, may perform duties as defined and set forth in the rules of the Board of
15 Dental Examiners, except that nothing in this subchapter may be construed to affect the
16 practice of medicine or dentistry or to prevent students of a dental college, university or
17 school of dental hygiene from practicing dental hygiene under the supervision of their
18 instructors.

19 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1098-F** is enacted to read:

20 **§1098-F. Independent practice**

21 A dental hygienist may practice independently and perform duties as defined and set
22 forth in the rules adopted by the board. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
23 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows dental hygienists to practice independently and perform duties as
26 defined by the Board of Dental Examiners.