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An Act To Allow for Corporate Ownership of Dental Practices

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Gardiner, JACKSON of Allagash, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1081, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 344, Pt. D, §21, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **4. Corporations; names.** A corporation may not practice, offer or undertake to
5 practice or hold itself out as practicing dentistry. Every person practicing dentistry as an
6 employee of another shall cause that person's name to be conspicuously displayed and
7 kept in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the place where the practice is conducted.
8 ~~This subsection does not prohibit a licensed dentist from practicing dentistry as an~~
9 ~~employee of another licensed dentist in this State, as an employee of a nonprofit~~
10 ~~corporation, as an employee of a state hospital or state institution where the only~~
11 ~~remuneration is from the State or from a corporation that provides dental service for its~~
12 ~~employees at no profit to the corporation.~~ This subsection does not ~~prohibit~~ affect the
13 practice of dentists who have incorporated their practices pursuant to Title 13, chapter 22-
14 A.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill removes the prohibition on corporations engaging in the practice of
17 dentistry. The Maine Professional Service Corporation Act continues to apply to
18 incorporated dental practices.