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L.D. 1129

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BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 822, L.D. 1129, Bill, "An Act To Increase Access to Oral Health Care"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of Oral Health Care Issues'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Oral health care and sunrise review. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall conduct an independent assessment pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 of the following oral health care issues: the proposal for expansion of the scope of practice of dental hygienists to create a mid-level dental hygienist license category, as well as the proposal to permit dental hygienists to practice independently without the supervision of a licensed dentist in order to increase access to preventive dental care across the State; the proposal to expand licensing requirements to permit graduates of a foreign university considered satisfactory to the Board of Dental Examiners to practice dentistry in this State, including a review of other states' models for evaluation of foreign-trained dentists; and the proposal that the regulatory structure for denturists and dental hygienists include placing denturists and dental hygienists under the jurisdiction of a new board within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved: That no later than February 15, 2008 the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report following the independent assessment under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development. That committee is authorized to introduce legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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2 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It directs the Commissioner of
3 Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct an independent assessment pursuant to
4 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 of the following oral
5 health care issues: the proposal for expansion of the scope of practice of dental
6 hygienists to create a mid-level dental hygienist license category, as well as the proposal
7 to permit dental hygienists to practice independently without the supervision of a licensed
8 dentist in order to increase access to preventive dental care across the State; the proposal
9 to expand licensing requirements to permit graduates of a foreign university considered
10 satisfactory to the Board of Dental Examiners to practice dentistry in this State, including
11 a review of other states' models for evaluation of foreign-trained dentists; and the
12 proposal that the regulatory structure for denturists and dental hygienists include placing
13 denturists and dental hygienists under the jurisdiction of a new board within the
14 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. This amendment also requires the
15 Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to submit a report to the Joint
16 Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development and authorizes
17 the committee to introduce legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second
18 Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1129

LR 1779(02)

An Act To Increase Access to Oral Health Care

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation associated with conducting the required independent assessment and submitting the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.