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Resolve, To Improve Oral Health for Children

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SULLIVAN of York.

Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash, PINGREE of North Haven, PRATT of Eddington, SYKES of Harrison, THOMAS of Ripley.

1 **Sec. 1. Board of Dental Examiners to establish low-income dental health**
2 **program. Resolved:** That the Board of Dental Examiners, established by the Maine
3 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 10, shall adopt rules to create a
4 program to allow dental hygienists certified by the board to provide dental care outside of
5 a dental office to low-income persons and MaineCare recipients. The program must
6 allow dental hygienists to provide the following services:

- 7 1. Triage;
- 8 2. Case management;
- 9 3. Current dental hygiene preventive services;
- 10 4. Administering local anesthesia, including nitrous oxide;
- 11 5. Cavity prevention;
- 12 6. Simple restorations;
- 13 7. Pulpotomies;
- 14 8. Deciduous extractions;
- 15 9. Space maintainers; and
- 16 10. Prescribing antimicrobials, fluoride and antibiotics; and be it further

17 **Sec. 2. Requirements for participation. Resolved:** That the program
18 established in this resolve must provide a certificate for participation in the program to a
19 dental hygienist who meets the requirements determined by the Board of Dental
20 Examiners and provides evidence of liability insurance and documentation of the
21 following requirements:

- 22 1. Licensure as a dental hygienist pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32,
23 section 1098;
- 24 2. Completion of a one-year internship with a dentist licensed under Title 32, section
25 1084 or a hygienist certified under the program established in section 1; and
- 26 3. Fulfillment of the recommended hours of didactic and clinical training in an
27 educational institution accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on
28 Dental Accreditation or successor organization; and be it further

29 **Sec. 3. Rules. Resolved:** That the Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt major
30 substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
31 2-A to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Board of Dental Examiners to establish a program to allow dental hygienists certified by the board to provide dental care outside of a dental office to low-income persons and MaineCare recipients.