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An Act To Expand the Diagnostic Functions of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Mount Vernon.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: KENT of Woolwich, LAJOIE of Lewiston, PERCY of Phippsburg.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1094-Q, sub-§1, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 620, Pt. B,
3 §1, is amended to read:

4 N. Place temporary restorations in compliance with the protocol adopted by the
5 board; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1094-Q, sub-§1, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 620, Pt. B,
7 §1, is amended to read:

8 O. Apply topical antimicrobials, excluding antibiotics, including fluoride, for the
9 purposes of bacterial reduction, caries control and desensitization in the oral cavity.
10 The independent practice dental hygienist shall follow current manufacturer's
11 instructions in the use of these medicaments; and

12 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1094-Q, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

13 P. Perform x rays.

14 An independent practice dental hygienist may own x-ray equipment.

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SUMMARY

16 This bill expands the diagnostic functions of an independent practice dental hygienist
17 by allowing an independent practice dental hygienist to perform x rays and to own x-ray
18 equipment.

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