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House of Representatives, January 23, 2009

An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Mount Vernon.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and
Representatives: PERRY of Calais, SMITH of Monmouth, THOMAS of Ripley, TREAT of
Hallowell, Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, MILLS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-LL** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-LL. Dental hygienist reimbursement**

4 **1. Reimbursement.** By April 1, 2010 the department shall provide for the
5 reimbursement under the MaineCare program of independent practice dental hygienists
6 practicing as authorized under Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under
7 Title 32, section 1094-Q, subsection 1.

8 **2. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. The
9 rules must provide for reimbursement to the independent practice dental hygienist
10 directly. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by
11 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 **Sec. 2. Rulemaking.** By April 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Human
13 Services shall adopt rules to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section
14 3174-LL.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides for reimbursement under the MaineCare program to directly
17 reimburse dental hygienists practicing independently as authorized under the Maine
18 Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under Title 32,
19 section 1094-Q, subsection 1. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human
20 Services to adopt rules to implement this provision, and designates the rules as routine
21 technical rules.