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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 309, L.D. 421, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Licensure Qualifications of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists"

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

'An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Independent Practice Dental Hygienists'

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

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

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

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

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

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

P. Expose and process radiographs upon written standing prescription orders from a dentist who will be available to interpret all dental radiographs within 21 days and who completes and signs a radiographic review and findings form.

Sec. 4. Report on the use of radiographs by independent practice dental hygienists. By March 1, 2010, the Board of Dental Examiners under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1072, with assistance from licensed independent practice dental hygienists, shall provide a report summarizing the number of patients and children that have received radiographs from licensed independent practice dental hygienists pursuant

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 to written standing prescription orders from dentists, and the number of patients requiring
2 referral to a dentist, to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and
3 Economic Development. The Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and
4 Economic Development is authorized to submit legislation on this topic to the Second
5 Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the bill and
8 expands the diagnostic functions of an independent practice dental hygienist by allowing
9 an independent practice dental hygienist to perform x rays upon written standing
10 prescription orders from a dentist who will be available to interpret all dental radiographs
11 within 21 days and who completes and signs a radiographic review and findings form. It
12 also requires the Board of Dental Examiners, with assistance from licensed independent
13 practice dental hygienists, to provide a report by March 1, 2010 summarizing the number
14 of patients and children that have received radiographs from licensed independent
15 practice dental hygienists pursuant to a written standing prescription orders from dentists,
16 as well as the number of patients requiring referral to a dentist, to the Joint Standing
17 Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development. It authorizes the Joint
18 Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development to submit
19 legislation on this topic to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 421

LR 519(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Licensure Qualifications of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists

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

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 Board of Dental Examiners, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, associated with preparing the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.