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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 183, L.D. 230, Bill, "An Act To Allow Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Work within Their Scope of Practice"

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

'Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Process Radiographs in Underserved Areas of the State'

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

'Sec. 1. Pilot project for underserved areas of the State. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Dental Examiners shall establish a 2-year pilot project to allow a licensed independent practice dental hygienist to expose and process radiographs under protocols developed by the Board of Dental Examiners within areas of the State that have been designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as dental health professional shortage areas.

The Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt rules to implement the pilot project under this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The rules for the pilot project must require that an independent practice dental hygienist have a written agreement with a licensed dentist providing that the dentist will be available to interpret all dental radiographs within 21 days from the date the radiograph is taken and that the dentist will sign a radiographic review and findings form.

The Board of Dental Examiners shall provide a report by January 15, 2013 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters regarding the status of the pilot project and its ability to improve access to dental health services in federally designated dental health professional shortage areas and recommendations for the continuance, discontinuance or modification of the pilot project.

The pilot project terminates March 15, 2014; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 230

LR 679(02)

An Act To Allow Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Work within Their Scope of Practice

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A "
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$3,700	\$1,200	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the Board of Dental Examiners, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, of \$3,700 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$1,200 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the costs associated with establishing and administering the 2-year pilot project. The board has sufficient funds available within its existing resources to support the costs of this legislation. Additional registration revenue collected by the Department of Health and Human Services is expected to be minor