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House of Representatives, February 18, 2016

An Act To Revise the Laws Regarding Dental Practices

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT

R(+ B. Hunt

Clerk

Presented by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough.

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

2 CONCEPT DRAFT

3 SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to recodify the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 16, which governs the practice of dentistry by dentists, expanded function dental assistants, independent practice dental hygienists, dental hygiene therapists, dental hygienists, dental auxiliaries, denturists and dental radiographers. In addition to restructuring the so-called Dental Practice Act, this bill proposes to implement the recommendations of the Board of Dental Examiners, including restructuring of the board, increasing statutory authority for the subcommittees of the board, expanding scopes of practice of the various professionals licensed by the board and making changes to ownership requirements of dental practices.