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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 42, L.D. 76, "An Act To Amend the Dental Practice Act To Define "Supervision" and Authorize Teledentistry"

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 37 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting the following: ','

Amend the bill in section 12 in §18374 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph C (page 4, line 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'C. Apply desensitizing agents to teeth;'

Amend the bill in section 12 in §18374 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph D (page 4, line 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'D. Apply fluoride to control caries;'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the definition of "teledentistry" so that teledentistry services may be delivered through interactive video or audio means.

The amendment also makes changes to the bill relating to the scope of practice for a dental hygienist to retain the authority for a dental hygienist to apply desensitizing agents to teeth and to apply fluoride to control caries in teeth under the general supervision of a dentist. This language was inadvertently removed from current law in the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 76

LR 183(02)

An Act To Amend the Dental Practice Act To Define "Supervision" and Authorize Teledentistry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A* (H-484)
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Board of Dental Practice, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.