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H.P. 1360

House of Representatives, December 5, 2025

An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18375, sub-§1, ¶Q, as amended by PL 2023, c. 354, §8, is further amended to read:

Q. Prescribe, dispense or administer fluoride, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, topical anesthetics, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, desensitizing agents and resorbable antimicrobial agents; and

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18375, sub-§1, ¶R, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 354, §8, is amended to read:

R. Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis and dental hygiene treatment planning and implementation in the identification, prevention and management of oral disease; and

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18375, sub-§1, ¶S is enacted to read:

S. Administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia, as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has authority to administer the relevant medication pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2, paragraph D or E, respectively.

SUMMARY

This bill allows an independent practice dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has the appropriate licensure authority.