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fee. This prohibition applies to contracts entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2026 and is repealed January 1, 2031.

LD 1615 Resolve, to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 107 establishes the Commission to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry. To address potential workforce shortages, the commission is directed to study integrating foreign-trained dentists and out-of-state dentists into the dental care workforce in a way that best reflects their level of skills and training and reducing barriers to licensing for foreign-trained dentists and dentists from other states. The commission is required to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than December 10, 2025.

Resolve 2025, chapter 107 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2025.

LD 1687 An Act to Clarify and Increase Access to HIV Prevention Medications

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 483 clarifies that pharmacists are by law allowed to dispense HIV preventive oral medication and allows pharmacists to dispense injectable medication of any duration in certain circumstances. The law clarifies that health insurance carriers must authorize pharmacists that dispense HIV prevention drugs in accordance with the law to bill the carrier and receive payment directly. The law clarifies that health insurance carriers must provide coverage with no out-of-pocket cost for HIV prevention drugs for the prevention of the acquisition of HIV infection in accordance with a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force or equivalent rating from a successor organization and guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A carrier may not require prior authorization or step therapy requirements for those HIV prevention drugs.

Public Law 2025, chapter 483 also requires that, no later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Health and Human Services must provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program to pharmacists for prescribing, dispensing and administering HIV prevention drugs.