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An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and
Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, MOORE of Washington, RENY of
Lincoln, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, COPELAND of Saco, GRAMLICH of
Old Orchard Beach, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18302, sub-§2**, as repealed by PL 2017, c. 388, §1, is reenacted
3 to read:

4 **2. Charitable dentist license.** "Charitable dentist license" means the authority granted
5 to an individual to provide free dental care as requested by a charitable or social
6 organization within the State when resident dental services are not available.

7 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 92, §1, is further
8 amended to read:

9 **3. Fees.** The authority to adopt by rule fees for purposes authorized under this chapter
10 in amounts that are reasonable and necessary for their respective purposes, except that:

11 A. The fee for any one purpose may not exceed \$550 unless another fee is authorized
12 by paragraph B ~~or~~, C or D;

13 B. The fee for an initial license or a license renewal under section 18342 or a permit
14 under section 18379 may not exceed \$1,000; ~~and~~

15 C. The fee for an initial license or a license renewal under section 18345 may not
16 exceed \$200; and

17 D. The fee for an initial license or a license renewal under section 18342, subsection
18 5 is \$0.

19 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18342, sub-§5**, as repealed by PL 2017, c. 388, §8, is reenacted
20 to read:

21 **5. Charitable dentist license.** An applicant for a charitable dentist license must
22 comply with section 18341 and must provide:

23 A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited as
24 required by board rule;

25 B. Verification that the applicant has been licensed as a dentist in good standing under
26 the laws of this State or has an active dental license in good standing issued under the
27 laws of another state or a Canadian province;

28 C. Verification of passing all examinations required by board rule; and

29 D. Verification that the purpose of the license is to offer free dental care in conjunction
30 with a charitable or social organization.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill reestablishes in law the provision authorizing a license at no cost for a dentist
33 licensed in another state or a Canadian province for the purpose of providing charitable
34 care.