

STATE OF MAINE

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H.P. 513 - L.D. 806

An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the current licensing requirements for an expanded function dental assistant require passage of a separate dental radiologic technique and safety examination, which is the same examination required for licensure of dental radiographers; and

Whereas, this legislation eliminates the requirement that an expanded function dental assistant must be separately licensed as a dental radiographer and instead provides for exposing and processing radiographs under the assistant's scope of practice; and

Whereas, this legislation must be enacted immediately so that expanded function dental assistants are not required to pay an additional license fee; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §9854, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §19, is further amended to read:

A. A dentist, dental hygienist, expanded function dental assistant or dental radiographer licensed under chapter 143;

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18373, sub-§1, ¶L, as amended by PL 2021, c. 223, §10, is further amended to read:

L. Supragingival polishing using a slow-speed rotary instrument and rubber cup; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18373, sub-§1, ¶HH, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 223, §10, is amended to read:

HH. Contour or finish restorative materials using a high-speed, power-driven handpiece or instrument; and

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §18373, sub-§1, ¶II is enacted to read:

II. Expose and process radiographs.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.