



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care through the Establishment of the Maine Board of Oral Health

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Shaw of Standish

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$162,470	\$191,980	\$198,508	\$202,703
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$60,384	\$405,014	\$60,384	\$405,014

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation renames the Board of Dental Examiners, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Maine Board of Oral Health. This bill also makes changes to the duties, functions and responsibilities of the board and its established subcommittees and creates a Subcommittee on Dentists. The Maine Board of Oral Health will require additional Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$162,470 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$191,980 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one Office Associate II position, additional per diem costs for board and subcommittee members, and related all other costs including legal, financial and technology services associated with the increased duties and responsibilities of the subcommittees. Other allocations and deallocations netting to zero will need to be made to move functions from the old board to the new board in the accounting system. This preliminary fiscal impact statement assumes an October 1, 2015 effective date.

An analysis performed by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation indicates that licensing fees will need to be increased in order to support the additional costs to each subcommittee and the board. This analysis assumes that each subcommittee will be self-supporting and will share the costs of supporting the board. According to the department, licensing fees for dentists will need to increase from \$440 biennially to \$495 biennially; licensing fees for dental hygienists will need to increase from \$140 biennially to \$390 biennially; and licensing fees for denturists will need to increase from \$140 biennially to \$5,300 biennially. As the new fee for denturists is impractically high, it is unclear how the board will proceed. The higher fees, if actually collected, are expected to increase dedicated revenue to the board by \$60,384 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$405,014 in fiscal year 2016-17.