



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 876

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## An Act to Expand Access to Oral Health Care in Rural Maine by Allowing Certain Out-of-state Dentists to Practice in Dental Clinics in the State

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Grohoski of Hancock

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$84,443	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Board of Dental Practice, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, will require a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$84,443 in fiscal year 2023-24 for the costs associated with hiring a consultant to review options for establishing a limited license for dental professionals other than dentists credentialed under the laws of another state, a Canadian province or a foreign country and to prepare the required report no later than January 15, 2024. The board has expressed concern that it may not have sufficient cash available to fund the allocation and still maintain the cash reserves needed to address any unanticipated expenses related to their regulatory duties. A fee increase may be needed if its cash reserves are depleted.