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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 513, L.D. 806, “An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'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,'

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'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;'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment provides that an expanded function dental assistant licensed by the
5 Board of Dental Practice is not required to be separately licensed as a radiographer by the
6 Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners. The amendment also adds an emergency
7 preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 **(See attached)**