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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 763, L.D. 1085, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure as an Independent Practice Dental Hygienist”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting 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, Maine is experiencing a critical shortage of licensed dentists, especially in rural areas of the State; and

Whereas, this legislation removes a statutory barrier that currently prevents or delays certain dental hygienists from obtaining authority to open independent practices in this State; 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 §18345, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

A. For independent practice dental hygienist authority: verification of 2,000 work hours of clinical practice.

~~(1) If the applicant has a bachelor's degree or higher in dental hygiene from a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization, verification of 2,000 work hours of clinical practice during the 4 years preceding the application; or~~

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

