

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 451 - L.D. 615

**An Act To Remove the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification Requirement for Dental Therapists**

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

**Whereas,** current law requires a dental hygienist who is a dental therapist to provide verification of a current advanced cardiac life support certification; and

**Whereas,** this certification, which is not required for a dentist, is a barrier to licensing dental therapists seeking to work in the State and should be eliminated as soon as possible; 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, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is further amended in subparagraph (4) by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

For purposes of meeting the clinical requirements of this subparagraph, an applicant's hours of supervised clinical experience completed under the supervision of a dentist licensed in another state or a Canadian province may be included, as long as the applicant was operating lawfully under the laws and rules of that state or province; and

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A copy of the written practice agreement and standing orders required by section 18377, subsection 3; and

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (6).

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §7, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Verification of meeting the requirements of paragraph C, subparagraphs (2); and (3) ~~and (6)~~; and

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