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## **LD 806, An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services*

Senator Bailey, Representative Gramlich and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. I am Anne-Marie Mastraccio, and I represent House District 142, which includes part of the City of Sanford and the Village of Springvale. I am here today to introduce **LD 806, An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants**.

In Maine, an expanded function dental assistant (EFDA) is a certified dental assistant or a dental hygienist who has additional training and is then licensed by the Board of Dental Practice to perform a wider range of dental procedures. By virtue of the prerequisites for certification/licensure as a dental hygienist or a nationally certified dental assistant, these individuals are already allowed to take dental radiographs.

However, under the current Dental Practice Act, an EFDA is not authorized to take dental radiographs without first obtaining a second license from the board as a dental radiographer. LD 806 is designed to remove the necessity of paying an additional fee to the board of licensure for the dental radiography authority. It does not change the scope of practice for an EFDA; it just recognizes their already allowed scope and reduces the cost for licensure.

Thank you for your consideration, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.