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## **An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Licensure Qualifications of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1094-K**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 620, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

### **§ 1094-K. Education and experience**

An applicant for licensure under this subchapter as an independent practice dental hygienist must:

**1. Bachelor's degree and 2,000 hours experience.** Possess a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, or its successor organization, and document ~~one year or~~ 2,000 work hours of clinical practice in a private dental practice or nonprofit dental clinic under direct or general supervision of a dentist during the ~~2-4~~ years preceding application; or

**2. Associate degree and 5,000 hours experience.** Possess an associate degree in dental hygiene from a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, or its successor organization, and document ~~3 years or 6,000~~ 5,000 work hours of clinical practice in a private dental practice or nonprofit dental clinic under direct or general supervision of a dentist during the 6 years preceding application.

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