131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (H-949)
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note

Current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	$0	$219,341	$241,496	$251,358

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation adds the State of Maine to the Compact for Licensing Dentists and Dental Hygienists contingent upon 7 states enacting it into law. This fiscal note assumes that at least 7 states will enact the compact and it will become effective during the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Given this assumption, this bill includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling $219,341 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (DPFR) to join and participate in the dentist and dental hygienists compact. Of that amount, $204,352 is allocated to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR) for one Comprehensive Health Planner II position and one Health Services Consultant position and related All Other costs to manage the increase in responsibilities of the Board of Dental Practice, including the review of applications for compact privilege, compact compliance, joint investigations and reporting requirements. Additionally, $5,753 is allocated to OPOR for STA-CAP and rulemaking costs. Finally, $9,236 is allocated on an ongoing basis to the Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation program within DPFR for STA-CAP, service center support and technology costs that are reimbursed by transfers from the board.

According to DPFR, the Board of Dental Practice does not have sufficient resources to support the costs associated with this bill within the amount of revenue currently received and will need to increase fees to support the additional costs.