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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 183, L.D. 230, Bill, “An Act To Allow Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Work within Their Scope of Practice”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Process Radiographs in Underserved Areas of the State'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Pilot project for underserved areas of the State. Resolved:** That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Dental Examiners shall establish a 2-year pilot project to allow a licensed independent practice dental hygienist to expose and process radiographs under protocols developed by the Board of Dental Examiners within areas of the State that have been designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as dental health professional shortage areas.

The Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt rules to implement the pilot project under this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The rules for the pilot project must require that an independent practice dental hygienist have a written agreement with a licensed dentist providing that the dentist will be available to interpret all dental radiographs within 21 days from the date the radiograph is taken and that the dentist will sign a radiographic review and findings form.

The Board of Dental Examiners shall provide a report by January 15, 2013 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters regarding the status of the pilot project and its ability to improve access to dental health services in federally designated dental health professional shortage areas and recommendations for the continuance, discontinuance or modification of the pilot project.

The pilot project terminates March 15, 2014; and be it further

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

