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An Act To Expand the Diagnostic Functions of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1094-Q, sub-§1, ¶N, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 620, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

N. Place temporary restorations in compliance with the protocol adopted by the board; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1094-Q, sub-§1, ¶O, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 620, Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

O. Apply topical antimicrobials, excluding antibiotics, including fluoride, for the purposes of bacterial reduction, caries control and desensitization in the oral cavity. The independent practice dental hygienist shall follow current manufacturer's instructions in the use of these medicaments; and

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1094-Q, sub-§1, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. Perform x rays.

An independent practice dental hygienist may own x-ray equipment.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the diagnostic functions of an independent practice dental hygienist by allowing an independent practice dental hygienist to perform x rays and to own x-ray equipment.