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## **An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-LL** is enacted to read:

### **§ 3174-LL. Dental hygienist reimbursement**

**1. Reimbursement.** By April 1, 2010 the department shall provide for the reimbursement under the MaineCare program of independent practice dental hygienists practicing as authorized under Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under Title 32, section 1094-Q, subsection 1.

**2. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules must provide for reimbursement to the independent practice dental hygienist directly. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 2. Rulemaking.** By April 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-LL.

## **SUMMARY**

This bill provides for reimbursement under the MaineCare program to directly reimburse dental hygienists practicing independently as authorized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under Title 32, section 1094-Q, subsection 1. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement this provision, and designates the rules as routine technical rules.