



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 540

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## An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care through the Establishment of the Maine Board of Oral Health

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Table with 5 columns: Category, FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17, Projections FY 2017-18, Projections FY 2018-19. Rows include Appropriations/Allocations and Revenue for Other Special Revenue Funds.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation renames the Board of Dental Examiners, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Maine Board of Oral Health. This bill also makes changes to the duties, functions and responsibilities of the board and its established subcommittees and creates a Subcommittee on Dentists. This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$162,470 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$191,980 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Maine Board of Oral Health for one Office Associate II position, additional per diem costs for board and subcommittee members, and related all other costs including legal, financial and technology services associated with the increased duties and responsibilities of the subcommittees. This bill also includes other offsetting allocations and deallocations netting to zero of \$399,461 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$531,216 in fiscal year 2016-17 move functions from the old board to the new board in the accounting system. This fiscal note assumes an October 1, 2015 effective date. It also assumes that the initiatives included in LD 1019, the Governor's proposed budget for the 2016-2017 biennium for the Board of Dental Examiners are adopted as proposed. The fiscal note may need to be adjusted based on final legislative actions on the biennial budget.

An analysis performed by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation indicates that license fees will need to be increased in order to support the additional costs to each subcommittee and the board. This analysis assumes that each subcommittee will be self-supporting and will share in the costs of supporting the board. According to the department, license fees for dentists will need to increase from \$440 biennially to \$495 biennially; license fees for dental hygienists will need to increase from \$140 biennially to \$390 biennially; and license fees for denturists will need to increase from \$140 biennially to \$5,300 biennially. As the new fee for denturists is impractically high, it is unclear how the board will procede. The higher fees, if actually collected, are expected to increase dedicated revenue to the board by \$60,384 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$405,014 in fiscal year 2016-17.