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An Act To Improve Efficiencies in Dental Offices

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and
Senators: CAIN of Penobscot, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: ESPLING of New
Gloucester, KRUGER of Thomaston, LOCKMAN of Amherst, TYLER of Windham,
WILLETTE of Mapleton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1094-D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 620, Pt. C, §9, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§1094-D. Definitions**

5 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, "expanded
6 function dental assistant" means an individual who holds a current valid certification
7 under this subchapter to perform reversible intraoral procedures authorized by this
8 subchapter under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist and under an assignment of
9 duties by a dentist. As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates,
10 "reversible intraoral procedures" means placing and removing rubber dams and matrices;
11 placing and contouring amalgam, composite and other restorative materials; applying
12 sealants; supra gingival polishing and scaling; and other reversible procedures defined by
13 the board not designated by this chapter to be performed only by licensed dentists, dental
14 hygienists or independent practice dental hygienists.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows expanded function dental assistants to perform supra gingival scaling
17 under the direct supervision of a dentist.