



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Establish a Separate Regulatory Board for Dental Hygienists

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$139,836	\$81,753	\$82,872
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$770	(\$300)	\$770
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases case-loads with no effect on fines or fees

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Board of Dental Hygiene as a regulatory board affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation beginning in fiscal year 2014-15.

This bill requires the Board of Dental Hygiene and the Board of Dental Examiners to share both administrative and infrastructure costs on a pro rata basis. This bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$118,265 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the State Board of Dental Hygiene for its share of the personal services and all other costs associated with establishing and administering the State Board of Dental Hygiene as of August 1, 2014. The board will also incur additional expense of \$64,080 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the costs associated with the ALMS licensing system and other administrative costs. Of that amount, approximately \$60,000 is a one-time cost associated with the initial setup and conversion of the licensing system.

The net increase in dedicated revenues to the two boards from licensing and other fees is estimated to be \$770 in fiscal year 2014-15. The amount to be received by the State Board of Dental Hygiene is estimated to be approximately \$208,158 in fiscal year 2014-15. This estimate assumes the fee for new licenses and renewals of licenses to be \$140. Additionally, there will be a one-time transfer of \$211,820 from the State Board of Dental Examiners to the State Board of Dental Hygiene in fiscal year 2014-15 equal to one-third of the \$706,066 ending balance in the Board of Dental Examiners Other Special Revenue Funds account at the end of fiscal year 2012-13.

The State Board of Dental Examiners affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will require Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations of \$82,830 in fiscal year 2014-15 as a result of the licensing and regulation of dental hygienists being transferred to the State Board of Dental Hygiene. The estimated loss of dedicated revenue to the board from licensing and other fees is projected to be \$207,388 in fiscal year 2014-15. As stated above, the State Board of Dental Examiners will make a one-time transfer of \$211,820 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the State Board of Dental Hygiene, reducing its available balances. However, even with this reduction, projections indicate that the board appears to have sufficient funding to cover their expenses through the next biennium.

This bill also includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$44,949 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Department of the Attorney General for one part-time Assistant Attorney General position and related costs to provide legal services to the State Board of Dental Hygiene.