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### **An Act To Allow Dental Hygienists To Prescribe Fluoride Dentifrice and Antibacterial Rinse**

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and  
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, KINNEY of Limington, MALABY of Hancock,  
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland,  
WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

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

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

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

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

10 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1094-Q, sub-§1, ¶¶P and Q** are enacted to read:

11 P. Prescribe dentifrice with a fluoride level of 5,000 parts per million or less; and

12 Q. Prescribe chlorhexidine oral rinse.

13 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1094-HH, sub-§§8 and 9**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 575,  
14 §7, are amended to read:

15 **8. Radiographs.** Administer radiographs; ~~and~~

16 **9. Other related services and functions.** Perform other related services and  
17 functions authorized by the supervising dentist and for which the dental hygiene therapist  
18 is trained;:

19 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1094-HH, sub-§§10 and 11** are enacted to read:

20 **10. Dentifrice.** Prescribe dentifrice with a fluoride level of 5,000 parts per million  
21 or less; and

22 **11. Chlorhexidine.** Prescribe chlorhexidine oral rinse.

23 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §1098-F** is enacted to read:

24 **§1098-F. Prescription authority**

25 A dental hygienist licensed under this subchapter may prescribe dentifrice with a  
26 fluoride level of 5,000 parts per million or less and chlorhexidine oral rinse.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill amends the law to allow dental hygienists to prescribe dentifrice with a  
29 fluoride level of 5,000 parts per million or less and chlorhexidine oral rinse.