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**Informational Letter Regarding Enacted Laws  
During the 132<sup>nd</sup> First Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature**

During the 132<sup>nd</sup> First Regular session, certain laws were enacted that either directly or indirectly impact the Maine Board of Dental Practice (“the Board”) and its enabling statute referred to as the “Dental Practice Act” (Ref. Title 32, Chapter 143), the statute for “Commerce and Trade” (Ref. Title 10, Chapter 901), or the statute for “Corporations” (Ref. Title 13, Chapter 22-A). Below is a list and summary of those laws, including their effective dates and implementation status, as applicable.

**Newly enacted legislation:**

- 1) [Public Law 2025, chapter 71](#) “An Act Regarding the Establishment of Fees and Fee Caps for Dental Provider Licensing and Permits” (**effective date: May 16, 2025**)
- 2) [Public Law 2025, chapter 83](#) “An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants” (**effective date: May 23, 2025**).
- 3) [Public Law 2025, chapter 107](#) “Resolve, to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry” (**effective date: September 24, 2025**).
- 4) [Public Law 2025, chapter 121](#) “An Act to Extend the Period of Time a Dentist May Operate the Practice of a Deceased or Incapacitated Dentist” (**effective date: May 29, 2025**).
- 5) [Public Law 2025, chapter 304](#) “An Act Regarding the Authority of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Licensing Boards and Commissions Within That Office to Pursue Complaints” (**effective date: September 24, 2025**).
- 6) [Public Law 2025, chapter 366](#) “An Act to Require the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure, Board of Dental Practice, Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing, Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of Social Worker Licensure, Board of Osteopathic Licensure, and Board of Licensure in Medicine to Obtain Fingerprint-based Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Checks for Initial Applicants and Licensees Seeking Compact Privileges” (**effective date: September 24, 2025**)

**Summary/Implementation:**

- 1) [Public Law 2025, chapter 71](#) (Re-establishment of Fee Caps in Statute):
  - a. **Summary:** This law allows the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation to establish by rule, licensing fees for dental professionals; and establishes fee caps.
  - b. **Implementation:** No implementation will be required.

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- 2) Public Law 2025, chapter 83 (Expansion to the scope of practice for a licensed EFDA to include the taking of dental radiographs):
  - a. **Summary:** This law eliminates the requirement for a licensed EFDA to hold out a separate license to take dental radiographs.
  - b. **Implementation:** An informational letter will be sent to all licensed EFDA's to make them aware of this change.
- 3) Public Law 2025, chapter 107 (Alternative pathways for obtaining dentist licensure)
  - a. **Summary:** This law establishes a Commission to study alternative pathways for obtaining a dentist license. The eleven (11) member Commission is required to report back to the Legislative Committee, any findings, recommendations and/or any suggested legislation no later than December 10, 2025.
  - b. **Implementation:** Board Member, Dr. Jeffrey Walawender was appointed to sit on the Commission.
- 4) Public Law 2025, chapter 121 (Operation of a practice of a deceased or incapacitated dentist):
  - a. **Summary:** This law was amended to extend the period of time by which a legal guardian or personal representative may continue the operations of the practice of a deceased or incapacitated dentist from 24 months to 48 months.
  - b. **Implementation:** No implementation will be required.
- 5) Public Law 2025, chapter 304 (Complaints filed that are not within the Board's authority):
  - a. **Summary:** This law allows the Board to delegate to staff, the authority to determine if a pending complaint describes a violation of law or rule that is not within the authority of board to enforce.
  - b. **Implementation:** The Board will work with its legal counsel on the development of a delegation order by which staff will adhere when reviewing complaints not within the Board's authority.
- 6) Public Law 2025, chapter 366 (Ability to conduct FBI background checks in anticipation of the Licensure Compact):
  - a. **Summary:** This law establishes the board's authority to conduct FBI background checks on all applications for initial licensure in anticipation of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact.
  - b. **Implementation:** Rulemaking changes to fully implement this legislation will be posted on the Board's proposed rule changes: <https://www.maine.gov/dental/statutes-rules/statutes-rules.html>.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact board staff at [dental.board@maine.gov](mailto:dental.board@maine.gov)

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