

SENATE No. 684

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to enhance oral health through public health dental hygienists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mark C. Montigny

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 684) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to enhance oral health through public health dental hygienists. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to enhance oral health through public health dental hygienists.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the third paragraph by inserting after the fourth sentence
3 the following sentences:-

4 No medical malpractice insurer shall refuse primary medical malpractice insurance
5 coverage to a licensed dentist on the basis of their entry into a written collaborative agreement
6 with a public health dental hygienist. A dentist who enters into such a collaborative agreement
7 and the dentist's insurer shall be indemnified from claims made against said public health dental
8 hygienist.

9 SECTION 2. Section 193U of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
10 hereby amended in the second paragraph by inserting after the first sentence the following
11 sentences:-

12 No medical malpractice insurer shall refuse primary medical malpractice insurance
13 coverage to a licensed dentist on the basis of their entry into a written collaborative agreement
14 with a public health dental hygienist. A dentist who enters into such a collaborative agreement
15 and the dentist's insurer shall be indemnified from claims made against said public health dental
16 hygienist.