

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 580**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 relative to public health dental hygienists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>11/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 580) of John W. Scibak, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Paul McMurtry for legislation relative to medical malpractice insurance for certain dentists maintaining relationships with public health dental hygienists. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 952 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to 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. Chapter 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in Section 51 by inserting in the third paragraph after the  
3 words “a written collaborative agreement” the following- “No medical malpractice insurer shall  
4 refuse primary medical malpractice insurance coverage to a licensed dentist on the basis of  
5 whether they entered into a written collaborative agreement with a public health dental hygienist.  
6 A dentist who enters into a collaborative agreement shall be indemnified from claims made  
7 against said public health dental hygienist.”

8           SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
9 Official Edition, is hereby amended in Section 193U by inserting in the second paragraph after

10 the word “commonwealth” the following –““No medical malpractice insurer shall refuse primary  
11 medical malpractice insurance coverage to a licensed dentist on the basis of whether they entered  
12 into a written collaborative agreement with a public health dental hygienist. A dentist who enters  
13 into a collaborative agreement shall be indemnified from claims made against said public health  
14 dental hygienist.”