

HOUSE No. 1085

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 the collaborative agreement of a public health dental hygienist.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1085) of Smitty Pignatelli and others relative to medical malpractice insurance coverage to dentists on the basis of written collaborative agreements with public health dental hygienists. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the collaborative agreement of a public health dental hygienist.

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 Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the third paragraph by inserting after the word
3 “agreement”, in line 52, 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 Massachusetts General Laws, as so
10 appearing, is hereby amended in the second paragraph by inserting after the word “specialty”, in
11 line 14, the following 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.