

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1180**

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**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:      |
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| <i>Smitty Pignatelli</i> | <i>4th Berkshire</i>  | <i>2/17/2021</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i>   | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/23/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1180) of Smitty Pignatelli and Brian W. Murray 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1085 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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.