

Legislative Analysis



EXPAND TERMINOLOGY TO INCLUDE DENTAL SPECIALTIES

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House Bill 5446 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Ben Frederick
Committee: Health Policy
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5446 would amend two sections in Part 166 (Dentistry) of the Public Health Code to account for specialized dental professions.

Section 16608 allows the [Michigan Board of Dentistry](#) to issue specialty field licenses to dentists with advanced training. In addition to current specialty fields, the bill would add the following:

- Dental public health
- Oral and maxillofacial radiology
- Dental anesthesiology

Additionally, section 16605 prohibits unauthorized people from using the words “dentist,” “dental hygienist,” or other such terms, except as prescribed in the code. The bill would add “oral and maxillofacial radiologist” and “dental anesthesiologist” to this list of protected terms.

MCL 333.16605 and 333.16608

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5446 would not be expected to have an appreciable fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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