

Legislative Analysis



EXPAND TERMINOLOGY TO INCLUDE DENTAL SPECIALTIES

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House Bill 5446 (H-2) as referred to second committee
Sponsor: Rep. Ben Frederick
1st Committee: Health Policy
2nd Committee: Ways and Means
Complete to 11-13-20

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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:

- Oral medicine.
- Orofacial pain.
- 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.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Michigan Dental Association testified in support of the bill. (9-8-20)

The following entities indicated support for the bill (9-8-20):

Michigan Council of Dental Specialties
Economic Alliance for Michigan

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs indicated a neutral position on the bill. (9-8-20)

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