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DENTAL SPECIALTIES

House Bill 4067 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Ben Frederick Committee: Health Policy Complete to 2-9-21

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4067 would amend two sections of Part 166 (Dentistry) of the Public Health Code to account for specialized dental professions.

Section 16608 allows the Michigan Board of Dentistry¹ 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.

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," "dental anesthesiologist," "oral medicine doctor," "public health dentist," and "orofacial pain specialist" to this list of protected terms.

The bill would take effect 180 days after its date of enactment.

MCL 333.16605 and 333.16608

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4067 would not be expected to have an appreciable fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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¹ https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90501_90626-250270--,00.html