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**HB16-1327**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0883 **Date:** March 18, 2016  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Ginal **Bill Status:** House Health, Insurance, & Environment  
 Sen. Grantham **Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

**BILL TOPIC:** FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill allows the State Dental Board to establish lesser financial responsibility requirements for professional liability insurance for dental hygienists that meet certain criteria. This change aligns the statute for dental hygienists with that of dentists.

**Background**

Under current law, dental hygienists must have professional liability insurance that covers up to \$50,000 per claim or up to a total of \$300,000 per year. In the case of dentists, the State Dental Board may establish lesser financial responsibility requirements for dentists that:

- perform dental services for the federal government;
- provide limited or occasional dental services;
- provide only free dental care to patients; or
- provide less than full-time dental services because of retirement or administrative duties.

**State Expenditures**

The bill may result in a one-time increase in workload for the State Dental Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Department of Law to conduct rulemaking to implement the bill. It is assumed this increase will be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations. The change is not expected to impact ongoing workload associated with complaints or disciplinary actions concerning dental hygienists.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology      Law      Regulatory Agencies