

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1173

PRINTER NO. 1534

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 1, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Martin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1173 amends The Dental Law (Act 76 of 1933) to provide for continuing education for volunteer dental, hygiene or dental assisting practice.

The bill permits a dentist, dental hygienist or expanded function dental assistant to receive up to three hours of continuing education during a biennial licensure renewal period for voluntary practice at a clinic, a health center or a charitable entity event or program.

The bill requires the clinic, health center or charitable entity to validate the dates and hours of the volunteer practice performed by the dentist, dental hygienist or expanded function dental assistant during the applicable licensure renewal period.

Senate Bill 1173 defines "clinic, health care center or charitable entity" as a clinic, health center or charitable entity for which a licensee or certificate holder provides dental, hygiene or dental assisting services at no cost to patients.

The bill defines "volunteer dental, hygiene or dental assisting practice" as uncompensated time spent in the actual delivery of oral health care or in direct support of the delivery of oral health care. The term does not include time spent on administrative duties.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.