

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), entitled "An  
2 act relating to dentistry; defining and providing for the  
3 licensing and registration of dentists and dental hygienists,  
4 and for the revocation and suspension of such licenses and  
5 registrations, subject to appeal, and for their  
6 reinstatement; defining the powers and duties of the State  
7 Dental Council and Examining Board and the Department of  
8 Public Instruction; providing penalties; and repealing  
9 existing laws," further providing for general powers of the  
10 State Board of Dentistry.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216,  
14 No.76), known as The Dental Law, is amended by adding a  
15 subsection to read:

16 Section 3. General Powers of the State Board of Dentistry.--  
17 The State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter called the board)  
18 shall have the following powers and duties:

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20 (u) To develop and distribute a fact sheet describing and  
21 comparing the risks and efficacy of the various types of dental  
22 restorative materials that may be used to repair a dental

1 patient's oral condition or defect.

2 (1) The fact sheet shall include:

3 (i) a description of the groups of materials that are  
4 available to the profession for restoration of an oral condition  
5 or defect;

6 (ii) a comparison of the relative benefits and detriments of  
7 each group of materials;

8 (iii) a comparison of the cost considerations associated  
9 with each group of materials; and

10 (iv) a reference to encourage discussion between patient and  
11 dentist regarding materials and to inform the patient of his or  
12 her options.

13 (2) The fact sheet shall be made available by the board to  
14 all licensed dentists.

15 (3) The board shall update the fact sheet as determined  
16 necessary by the board.

17 (4) This subsection shall not apply to any dental tool or  
18 instrument used during the dental procedure, but shall apply  
19 only to any structure or device placed into a patient's mouth  
20 with the intent that it remain there beyond the completion of  
21 the dental procedure, including, but not limited to, material  
22 used for filling cavities or bracing teeth.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.