

H.1291: An Act further clarifying the delivery of health care



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ABOUT THE BILL

This legislation clarifies that the 2022 Patients First Act requiring advance disclosure of the cost of medical procedures — with \$2,500/incident fines by the Department of Public Health (DPH) — shall not apply to any provider licensed to practice dentistry.

WHY WE'RE SUPPORTING

- ✓ Correct unintended consequences since the intent of Patients First Act was to focus on medical, not dental, care and align with federal standards set by the No Surprise Billing Act, which does not apply to dental care.
- ✓ Reduce regulatory overreach by removing duplicate oversight mechanisms while protecting dental offices from the undue financial and administrative burdens of rigid and unfair financial penalties.
- ✓ Remove unnecessary regulations that increase administrative expenses leading to higher costs for patients.
- ✓ Advance policy that prioritizes patient care rather than spending time navigating unnecessary paperwork and compliance measures that do not enhance transparency or patient care.

IMPACT WE ARE SEEKING

H. 1291 provides needed clarity as well as protections for patients and providers alike. Unlike medical procedures covered by traditional insurance, dental care operates differently in terms of cost and insurance coverage. Applying hospital-based transparency rules to dentists creates confusion rather than transparency.