

HB 1123: An Act further clarifying the delivery of health care

Sponsored by Rep. Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.



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 DPH— “shall not apply to any provider licensed to practice dentistry.”

Why We’re Supporting

Our companion legislation, *“An Act relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations,”* will protect patients against unfair charges for dental procedures—having the Patients First Act cover dentists is unnecessary;

This legislation would amend existing language to explicitly exclude providers licensed to practice dentistry from Patient First regulations set to take effect in 2025;

Massachusetts recently passed Patient First regulations, unlike federal regulations, are so expansive that they include dentists. We believe this was a mistake and the MDS is working with the legislature to correct this oversight;

To assure patients receive high quality and accessible dental services as well as to protect the profession and the patients it serves from unintended consequences.