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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 836

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “– **Disciplinary Action – Disclosure Requirements and Licensee Profiles**” and substitute “**Disciplinary Process and Actions Task Force**”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 on page 1 down through “Examiners” in line 6 on page 2 and substitute “establishing the State Board of Dental Examiners Disciplinary Process and Actions Task Force; providing for the composition and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Dental Examiners Disciplinary Process and Actions Task Force”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; after line 13, insert:

“(a) There is a State Board of Dental Examiners Disciplinary Process and Actions Task Force.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

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(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

(4) two members of the State Board of Dental Examiners, designated by the Chair of the Board;

(5) two members of the Maryland State Dental Association, designated by the President of the Association;

(6) one member of the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association, designated by the President of the Association;

(7) one member of the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, designated by the Dean of the School;

(8) one member who is an employee of a dental service organization, designated by the President of the Association of Dental Support Organizations; and

(9) two consumer advocates, designated by the Office of the Attorney General.

(c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, one of the two members of the Task Force designated under subsection (b)(4) of this section shall chair the Task Force.

(2) The chair shall be chosen by the members in attendance at the first meeting of the Task Force.

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(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study:

(i) how many complaints are filed annually;

(ii) how a complaint is filed;

(iii) who is eligible to file a complaint;

(iv) the length of time a complaint is open;

(v) the time frame to provide updates and a resolution to the complainant;

(vi) the manner in which disciplinary action from the Board is publicly reported; and

(vii) whether a dentist should be required to carry malpractice insurance; and

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(2) make recommendations regarding revisions to the disciplinary process and actions of the State Board of Dental Examiners that are necessary to improve the process of the disciplining dentists in the State and the disclosure of disciplinary actions.

(g) On or before December 1, 2021, the State Board of Dental Examiners Disciplinary Process and Actions Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On pages 2 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 2 through line 11 on page 9, inclusive.

On page 9, in line 13, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “2021.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.