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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6764

BILL NUMBER: HB 1106

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Dental Hygienists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frizzell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill increases the number of continuing education hours required for a dental hygienist during a licensing period from 14 to 25.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The State Board of Dentistry may have to adopt new administrative rules to account for civil penalties for failure to obtain 15-25 hours of continuing education. The Board is currently required by law to meet no fewer than two times per year, but in practice generally meets once a month. Therefore, the Board should be able to adopt new civil penalty rules within the course of a normally scheduled business meeting.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary-* The bill could increase the amount of civil penalties collected from dental hygienist license renewals that do not complete the additional required continuing education hours.

Background- As of December 2006, there were 3,999 dental hygienists licensed in Indiana. The current biennial renewal fee is \$50. Civil penalties assessed for failure to complete continuing education hours range from \$50 for 1-2 hours to \$375 for 11-14 hours deficient.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Dentistry.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Wade Lowhorn, Professional Licensing Agency; *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*, Legislative Services Agency.

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