

HB 1286 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1286**

AN ACT relative to the practice of dentistry and when x-rays are required.

SPONSORS: Rep. Drago, Rock. 4; Rep. DeVito, Rock. 8; Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 3; Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Wherry, Hills. 13; Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere, Rock. 30; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a dentist may treat a patient who declines to have a recommended x-ray and the dentist in such cases may require the patient to sign a waiver of liability.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the practice of dentistry and when x-rays are required.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Practice of Dentistry; X-Rays; When Required. Amend RSA 317-A:17 by
2 inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 II-a. Notwithstanding RSA 317-A:17, II(j), a dentist may treat a patient who has declined to
4 have an x-ray recommended by the dentist unless doing so would violate the dental standard of care.
5 In such cases, the dentist may require the patient to sign a waiver of liability, indicating that the
6 patient waives the right to sue the dentist in the event that the lack of an x-ray results in unforeseen
7 injury to the patient. No dentist shall be subject to license suspension, revocation, or any other
8 disciplinary action by the board for actions taken pursuant to this paragraph.

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.