

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27462 / S1295

This legislation would amend the Dental Practice Act in two sections of Idaho Code: § 54-901 and § 54-924, to accommodate the advancement of teledentistry in a manner that is transparent to patients, enhances patient protection, and preserves the community standard of care. Language is added to the practice of dentistry, that a dentist practicing telehealth in accordance with Title 54, Chapter 57, will uphold the community standard of care for services delivered via telehealth technologies. The bill requires dentists to provide patients with licensure and contact information. It also requires communication with patients regarding the possible need for in-person care. The bill ensures dentists authorizing or performing dental procedures to correct the malposition of human teeth do so in accordance with the community standard of care. Lastly, the bill ensures a dentist cannot represent, contract with, or be employed by an entity that would limit a patient's right to file a complaint with the State Board of Dentistry.

## FISCAL NOTE

The Dental Practice Act is enforced by the Idaho State Board of Dentistry, which is self-funded; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the state general fund or local government funds.

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