

MDHA Update & Action Alert:

TIME SENSITIVE!

As many of you are aware, this legislative session MDHA is sponsoring <u>H.2241/S.1357 An act</u> enabling trained dental hygienists to administer dermal fillers and botox.

> The hearing for H.2241/S.1357 has been scheduled for <u>Thursday, September 21 at 9:00 AM</u> before the Joint Committee on Public Health.

Now, we now need your help in advancing this legislation on Beacon Hill!

It is critical that members of the committee **<u>hear from dental hygienists in the field during this</u> <u>legislative hearing</u>** for the bill to receive a favorable report. We need you to voice your support for this legislation and share your personal stories from the field as to why these bills are so crucial in your work.

To support this bill, you can register to provide oral testimony inperson or virtually <u>HERE</u> by September 18th at 5pm. <u>You can also submit written testimony to be read by the committee</u> <u>by following the instructions below.</u>

You can use the <u>template below</u> that can be easily filled out to be submitted. When you have completed your written testimony, please send it to Calli Masters at <u>cmasters@charlesgroupconsulting.com</u> so that it can reach the committee's desk! If you have already sent Calli testimony, it has been included in the testimony packet.

<u>Thank you for all that you do to support MDHA and oral health across the</u> <u>Commonwealth!</u>

September XX, 2023

Senator Julian Cyr Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health State House, Room 111

Boston, MA 02133

Representative Marjorie Decker Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health State House, Room 130 Boston, MA 02133

Testimony in <u>SUPPORT</u> of H.2241/S.1357, An Act Enabling Trained Dental Hygienists to Administer Dermal Fillers and Botox

Dear Chair Cyr and Chair Decker,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of H.2241/S.1357, *An Act enabling trained dental hygienists to administer dermal fillers and Botox.* My name is

______and I am a _______, submitting this testimony on behalf of (if appropriate) ______.

This legislation would allow dental hygienists who have obtained special training to administer dermal fillers and Botox injections. Dental hygienists are already primed to administer these services. They receive a significant amount of training in head and neck anatomy, and already administer larger injections. Botox is not just a cosmetic treatment; it is also regularly used to treat dental issues, migraines, and more. Moreover, as the pandemic saw an increase in the

demand for these services, dental offices are hoping to utilize their practice to provide allinclusive aesthetic and dental treatments, which helps to retain patients and simplify medical appointments. Dental hygienists are the key piece to be leveraged to achieve this consolidation and respond to patient needs.

I am personally motivated to submit comments today because:

Please insert more here (*if applicable)* on your personal experiences, and why you support the legislation as critical to Massachusetts.

As a [insert title/position] in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I ask that you favorably report out H.2241/S.1357 as soon as possible. Thank you again for this opportunity to submit testimony and for your consideration of this legislation.

Best,

NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION-AFFILIATION (if appropriate)