

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds dental practice to the list of medical practices which can be certified by Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) as a retainer medical practice. Authorizes DCBS to investigate and take enforcement actions with respect to dental provider maintaining or purporting to maintain retainer dental practice. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (-1 Amendment) Replaces the measure

BACKGROUND: Retainer medical practices enter into written agreements with patients such that the health care professional (or “provider”) agrees to provide specified primary care services for a periodic fee.

In 2011, Senate Bill 86 was enacted, which establishes a certification program for retainer medical practices. To obtain certification, a retainer medical practice must make application to the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), provide evidence of its business experience, proof of financial responsibility and character. A retainer practice must renew its certification annually.