

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6889
BILL NUMBER: HB 1254

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Various Dental Matters; Respiratory Care.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goss-Reaves
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BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Dental Matters*– The bill amends the educational requirements for dental hygienists. The bill amends the requirements for administration of nitrous oxide by a dental hygienist. The bill allows the State Board of Dentistry to establish additional requirements for an applicant who has failed the licensure examination at least three times.

Respiratory Care– The bill amends the licensure and temporary permit requirements for respiratory care practitioners.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Dental Matters*– The State Board of Dentistry and Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) will see an increase in workload to establish the bill’s requirements. The PLA would assist the Board in developing new, or modifying existing, rules. It is likely the Board and the PLA would be able to implement these changes within their current level of resources.

Respiratory Care– The PLA may need to update their website regarding the changes in the exam for applicants, to provide updates for the temporary license, and to notify stakeholders via electronic mail of these changes. It is likely that the PLA would be able to accomplish these routine administrative duties within existing staff and resource levels.

Additional Information– The National Board for Respiratory Care revised their examination for credentialing which will become effective in January 2027. The current Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE) portion will be available through December 31, 2027.

The bill requires an applicant’s academic transcript to be translated into English if the transcript is not in English. This would likely make transcript review by the Board or PLA staff more efficient and may provide quicker turnaround time for foreign graduate applicants to receive a license.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Dental Matters*– The bill may result in additional license revenue from

both dentists and dental hygienists. However, any increase in license revenue collected is likely to be minimal. License revenue for both dentists and dental hygienists totaled \$135,335 in FY 2025.

Respiratory Care– This provision may increase the number of initial or temporary license applicants in future years. However, any change in fee revenues is likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Dentistry; Respiratory Care Committee; Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Legislative Services Agency, *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*, FY 2025; www.nbrc.org/examination-changes-coming-in-2027-new-details-added.

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