

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number Senate Bill 187

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Yvonne B. Miller

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Board of Dentistry regulations on dental amalgams containing mercury

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill requires the Board of Dentistry to promulgate regulations for the appropriate and safe use of dental amalgams containing mercury. The regulations must include, but need not be limited to, information on mercury and its environmental and health hazards; the safe handling of dental amalgams containing mercury to avoid human and animal exposure to mercury; appropriate disposal of mercury amalgams and waste products to prevent mercury pollution of the environment; conditions under which amalgams containing mercury are contraindicated and are not to be used in certain patients; a requirement that each patient be given informed consent about the health and safety concerns relating to amalgams containing mercury; and a requirement that any dentist who is continuing to use dental amalgams containing mercury must provide each of his patients with the option of receiving a dental filling other than dental amalgams containing mercury.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: The Board of Dentistry would absorb the cost (estimated at \$3,000) of the rulemaking, which would include the cost of appointing an advisory group.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources