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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 967

H. P. 807 House of Representatives, February 23, 1981 Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Brenerman of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative MacBride of Presque Isle, Senator Najarian of Cumberland and Representative Aloupis of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Establish a Statewide Cancer-Incidence Registry.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1404 is enacted to read:

§ 1404. Cancer-incidence registry

The Department of Human Services shall establish, maintain and operate a statewide cancer-incidence registry.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	1981-82	1982-83
Personal Services	\$8,500	\$17,000
All Other	13,000	5,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate the funds necessary for the department of carry out its previously legislated authority to make investigations concerning

the incidence of cancer, deaths of cancer and the prevention and treatment of cancer.

The bill will establish a centralized computer data system for recording and analyzing incidences of cancer reported by hospitals. This reporting is required by state statute, but the department has never had the resources to collect and analyze the information reported to it.