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In Senate, February 22, 2005

An Act To Create the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: President EDMONDS of Cumberland, PERRY of Penobscot,
TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, DUPLESSIE of
Westbrook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 275**, as amended, is amended by repealing t
he chapter headnote and enacting the following in its place:

6 **CHAPTER 275**

8 **ASTHMA AND LUNG DISEASE**

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1700-A** is enacted to read:

12 **§1700-A. Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund**

14 There is established the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease
16 Research Fund, an interest-bearing account, referred to in this
18 section as "the fund." The fund receives money deposited by the
20 Treasurer of State pursuant to Title 36, section 5289 and any
22 other money contributed voluntarily to the fund. The fund is
24 administered by the Bureau of Health. All money deposited in the
26 fund and the earnings on that money remain in the fund to be used
28 to provide research grants to develop and advance the
30 understanding of lung disease, especially its prevention, causes,
treatment and cure. Areas of research eligible for grants under
this section include, but are not limited to, asthma, health
effects of indoor and outdoor air pollution, emphysema and
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Money in the fund may
also be used for the necessary administrative and personnel costs
associated with the management of the fund but may not be
deposited in the General Fund or any other fund except as
specifically provided by law.

32 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5289** is enacted to read:

34 **§5289. Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund; voluntary**
checkoff

36 **1. Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund.** When
38 filing a return, a taxpayer entitled to a refund under this Part
40 may designate that a portion of that refund be paid into the
42 Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund established in Title
44 22, section 1700-A. A taxpayer who is not entitled to a refund
46 under this Part may contribute to the Maine Asthma and Lung
48 Disease Research Fund by including with that taxpayer's return
sufficient funds to make the contribution. The contribution may
not be less than \$1. Each individual income tax return form must
contain a designation in substantially the following form: "Maine
Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund: () \$1, () \$5, () \$10,
() \$25 or () Other \$...."

