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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1988

S. P. 714

In Senate, January 24, 1972

Committee on Health and Institutional Services suggested.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Graham of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO**

**AN ACT Relating to Reporting Tumors and Establishing a
State-wide Tumor Registry.**

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

R. S., T. 22, §§ 1402 and 1403, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections to read as follows:

§ 1402. Duty of physicians and hospitals

All hospitals and physicians shall report to the Department of Health and Welfare all persons diagnosed as having a malignant tumor no later than 30 days from the date of diagnosis or from discharge from a hospital.

§ 1403. Registry

The Department of Health and Welfare shall maintain and operate a state-wide central tumor registry.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to evaluate the problem of cancer as it exists in Maine, to improve the quality of care of patients with cancer, to ensure adequate systematic follow-up of these patients and to aid in decreasing morbidity and mortality from cancer.