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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

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 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.

A physician, upon notification by the Department of Health and Welfare, shall report to the department any further information requested by the department concerning any person now or formerly under his care, diagnosed as having or having had a malignant tumor.

No physician or hospital complying with the reporting requirements of this section shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of such acts.

§ 1403. Registry

The Department of Health and Welfare shall maintain and operate a state-wide central tumor registry in such a manner as to insure the confidentiality of the information filed with the registry.