

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 283

House of Representatives, January 23, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fraser of Mexico.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT to Abolish the State-wide Central Tumor Registry  
of the Department of Health and Welfare.

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

22 MRSA, § 1403, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 603, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

All Maine hospitals are currently participating in a discharge diagnosis abstracting service (through either the Physician Audit Service or the Maine Health Information Service) and the state tumor registry represents an expensive, unused and unnecessary duplication of effort. The principal use of the tumor registry in the past has been to assist physicians in tracking their patients. It has been of no value in the management of public health programs.