

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 743

S.P. 262

In Senate, March 16, 1987

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland

Cosponsored by: Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin,  
Representative MANNING of Portland, Representative PINES of  
Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Create a Cholesterol Control  
Program within the Department of Human  
Services.**

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

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

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1987-88

1988-89

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HUMAN SERVICES, DE-

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PARTMENT OF

1 Bureau of Health

2 All Other \$38,545 \$76,925

3 These funds to be  
4 used for the  
5 Cholesterol Control  
6 Program.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 High blood cholesterol is a major risk factor for  
9 heart disease, the number one cause of death in this  
10 State. Increased evidence has verified the link be-  
11 tween a reduced cholesterol level and a reduced risk  
12 of heart disease. The funds appropriated in this  
13 bill will create a Cholesterol Control Program within  
14 the Bureau of Health to conduct public and profes-  
15 sional education, organize screening programs and ad-  
16 vocate for organizational and environmental change to  
17 support a low cholesterol diet among Maine citizens.  
18 This program will be built upon the successful ef-  
19 forts of the Community High Blood Pressure Program,  
20 using many of the same community-based agencies to  
21 implement this effort. Much of the activity of this  
22 program will be in support of a recently initiated  
23 National Cholesterol Education Program. This bill is  
24 funded based on a January 1, 1988, implementation  
25 date.

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