

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2101

S.P. 800

In Senate, January 20, 1988

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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 Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin, Representative PINES of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Include Drugs for Treatment of
Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease in the
Elderly Low-Cost Drug Program.

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

7 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §254, first paragraph, as
8 amended by PL 1983, c. 290, is repealed and the
9 following enacted in its place:

1 The Department of Human Services may conduct a
2 program to provide low-cost prescription and
3 nonprescription drugs, medication and medical supplies
4 to disadvantaged, elderly individuals. In any year in
5 which this program is conducted, it shall include any
6 prescription drugs used for the treatment of chronic
7 obstructive lung disease. To fund the addition of
8 drugs for this ailment, the amount that a recipient
9 pays toward the cost of any covered purchase shall be
10 raised \$1 for the entire program. If the initial
11 projections for expenditures in the chronic
12 obstructive lung disease program indicate that funding
13 for the total program will be inadequate for the
14 remainder of the fiscal year, that part of the program
15 dealing with chronic obstructive lung disease shall be
16 discontinued for the remainder of the fiscal year.
17 The department shall keep cost and utilization records
18 necessary to evaluate the chronic obstructive lung
19 disease program and report on this program to the
20 Legislature by January 1989.

21 The commissioner shall provide for sufficient
22 personnel to ensure efficient administration of the
23 program. The extent and the magnitude of the program
24 shall be determined by the commissioner on the basis
25 of the calculated need of the recipient population and
26 the available funds. The department may not spend
27 more on this program than is available through
28 appropriations from the General Fund, dedicated
29 revenue, federal or other grants and other established
30 and committed funding sources. The commissioner may
31 accept, for the purposes of carrying out this program,
32 federal funds appropriated under any federal law
33 relating to the furnishing of free or low-cost drugs
34 to disadvantaged, elderly individuals and may take
35 such action as is necessary for the purposes of
36 carrying out that federal law and may accept from any
37 other agency of government, individual, group or
38 corporation such funds as may be available to carry
39 out this chapter.

40 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
41 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
42 purposes of this Act.

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2 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

3 Elderly Low-Cost Drug Program

4 All Other

\$200,000

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STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this bill is to require that the
7 Department of Human Services include all prescription
8 drugs recommended by a physician for chronic
9 obstructive lung disease under the Elderly Low-Cost
10 Drug Program.

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