

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1769 House of Representatives, March 3, 1988  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the  
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested  
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representative PINES of Limestone and  
Senator KANY of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1 RESOLVE, Authorizing the Bureau of Health to  
2 Conduct a Time-Trend Study of Leukemia  
3 Incidence in Maine.  
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5 Authorization of Study. Resolved: That the  
6 Bureau of Health shall conduct a time-trend study of  
7 the incidence of leukemia in the State. The bureau  
8 shall enlist the aid of health professionals,  
9 scientists and other qualified individuals. The  
10 bureau shall report its findings to the First Regular

1 Session of the 114th Legislature by January 1, 1989.

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 Since the early 1970's, Maine's leukemia rate has  
4 risen. Leukemia is considered an early warning of  
5 other cancers and illnesses. Before the 1970's, Maine  
6 had the lowest leukemia rate in the 48 contiguous  
7 states. A private study has shown that the coastal  
8 rate has more than doubled and is 42% above the  
9 national average.

10 This authorization will allow the Bureau of Health  
11 to increase its knowledge of factors influencing the  
12 state of the public health.

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