

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 359

House of Representatives, February 27, 1989

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

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representative PINES of Limestone and Representative BURKE of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Assist the Environmental Health Unit of the Maine Bureau
of Health.**



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

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

7 **1989-90**

9 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Bureau of Health**

11	Personal Services	\$25,000
13	All Other	25,000

15 Provides funds for the Division of
17 Disease Control's Environmental Health
19 Unit to assist in updating and
21 improving its cancer registry and to
23 continue its investigations and
25 research on cancer rates in the State.

27 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
29 **TOTAL**

\$50,000

31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

33 Recent and ongoing efforts by the Bureau of Health's
35 Division of Disease Control's Environmental Health Unit to update
37 and improve its cancer registry, in responding to the public's
concerns about the clusterings of some cancers and the cancer
rates in some areas of Maine which are higher than the national
average, among other necessary and difficult tasks, have put a
severe burden on its staff.

39 In order to help the Environmental Health Unit follow up on
41 recent findings in health research and to continue its
investigations in a timely manner, this bill provides, at a
minimum, the funds necessary to better carry out these functions.