

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 969

H.P. 708

House of Representatives, March 29, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Representative LAPOINTE of Auburn, Representative MANNING of Portland and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Establish a Statewide Program of Community-based Heart
Attack and Stroke Prevention Programs.**



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

3 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1699 is enacted to read:

5 §1699. Community-based heart attack and stroke prevention
7 programs

9 1. Heart attack and stroke prevention programs:
11 establishment. The Bureau of Health shall establish a program to
13 develop heart attack and stroke prevention programs in
15 communities and regions throughout the State. The community
17 programs shall:

19 A. Provide public education to schools, community groups
21 and workplaces about cardiovascular risks;

23 B. Provide blood pressure and cholesterol screening,
25 referral and follow-up to the general public and workforce
27 populations; and

29 C. Provide smoking cessation programs for community members
31 wishing to quit.

33 2. Training; funding. The bureau shall provide training
35 for communities in program development, conduct a statewide
37 public awareness program about cardiovascular risks, allocate
41 matching funds for community program operation and periodically
43 evaluate program effectiveness.

45 3. Rules. The bureau shall publish rules for distribution
47 of funds to communities no later than 90 days after the effective
49 date of this section; awards to communities shall begin no later
51 than 180 days after the effective date of this section. The
53 rules shall include a stipulation that funded programs follow
55 accepted quality control standards and be periodically reviewed
57 by organizations with experience in and knowledge of heart attack
59 and stroke prevention.

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

65 1989-90 1990-91

67 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

69 Bureau of Health

71 Division of Health, Promotion
73 and Education

75 Positions (3) (3)
77 Personal Services \$126,833 \$126,833

1	All Other	682,500	682,500
3	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
5	TOTAL	<u>\$809,333</u>	<u>\$809,333</u>

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11 Cardiovascular prevention and education services are not
13 routinely available to Maine citizens. A statewide effort to
15 assist communities in establishing such programs is needed. The
17 funds requested in this bill would enable the State to provide
19 training and technical assistance as well as initial program
21 funding for as many as 20 community or regional programs. The
types of community organizations which could establish these
prevention programs include hospitals, community health agencies,
nursing agencies, community action programs, health centers and
local health departments. A match of \$1 local funds for every \$1
of state funds will be expected of each program.