

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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H.P. 1511

House of Representatives, January 4, 1990

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.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

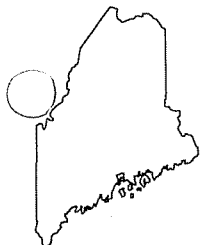
Presented by Representative STEVENSON of Unity.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representative WEBSTER of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Determine the Prevalence of Lyme Disease in Maine.



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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 271, sub-c. IV is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER IV

**LYME DISEASE INVESTIGATION
AND INFORMATION**

§1696-I. Lyme disease

The bureau shall track, record and maintain a registry of cases of Lyme disease occurring in humans in this State. The bureau shall collect, maintain, disseminate and act as a central clearinghouse for information relating to Lyme disease. This information must be available to members of the medical community, the Committee on Lyme Disease and the public. The bureau shall prepare and maintain printed educational materials concerning Lyme disease.

Sec. 2. Committee on Lyme Disease.

1. Committee established; membership. The Committee on Lyme Disease is established. The committee consists of the following 9 members:

A. One representative of the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services;

B. One representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

C. One representative of the Department of Conservation appointed by the Commissioner of Conservation;

D. One representative of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;

E. One representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism, appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

F. One representative of the Maine Medical Center appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services; and

G. Three private medical practitioners appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services.

2 The representative of the Department of Human Services, Bureau of
Health, shall act as chair.

4 2. **Duties.** The committee shall develop recommendations for
the Commissioner of Human Services on addressing the public
6 health problem of Lyme disease in this State.

8 3. **Report.** The committee shall submit its report to the
Commissioner of Human Services by December 1, 1990.

10 4. **Reimbursement.** Members of the committee who are not
12 state employees are entitled to receive expenses as defined in
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002, upon
14 application to the Commissioner of Human Services.

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

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22 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Bureau of Health**

26 All Other \$1,000

28 Provides funds for the expenses of the
Committee on Lyme Disease.

30 **Bureau of Health**

32 Positions (.5)

Personal Services \$15,574

34 All Other 6,000

36 TOTAL \$21,574

38 Provides funds for a part-time Public Health
Nurse II position for the epidemiology
40 program, including \$3,000 for printing
educational materials regarding Lyme disease
42 and \$3,000 for support costs.

44 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
TOTAL

\$22,574

2 CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

4 Division of Insect and Disease
Management

6 Positions (1)
8 Personal Services \$31,574
10 All Other 5,000

12 Provides funds for a full-time public health
entomologist position and support costs.

14 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
TOTAL

\$36,574

16 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$59,148

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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24 This bill strengthens the State's involvement in determining
the threat of Lyme disease in Maine by establishing the Committee
on Lyme Disease and appropriating funds for a part-time staff
26 person and educator, and a full-time public entomologist.

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