

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1757

H.P. 1228

House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

An Act to Support the Work of the Maine Rabies Work Group.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POWERS of Rockport.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, WILLIAMS of Orono.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1313-C is enacted to read:

§1313-C. Coordination and record keeping of interdepartmental efforts

1. Coordination and record keeping of interdepartmental efforts. The Director of the Bureau of Health shall coordinate and administer the efforts of various state agencies to respond to the presence of rabies in the State, including facilitating communication and collaborative efforts among state agencies, producing joint publications and keeping a record of the various agency efforts and the collaboration among various agencies.

2. Report. The Director of the Bureau of Health shall report once each biennium to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs; agriculture, conservation and forestry matters; health and human services matters and inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the status of any collaborative effort by state agencies to respond to the presence of rabies in the State and to justify future appropriations to carry out the purpose of this section. An agency that is involved in an effort to respond to the presence of rabies in the State shall report the nature and extent of this effort to the bureau at least once each year.

Sec. 2. State agencies directed to continue interdepartmental collaboration in response to presence of rabies in the State. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall continue to collaborate on responding to the presence of rabies in the State including working with the Maine rabies work group and other official or unofficial groups that are responding to the presence of rabies in the State.

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

	1999-00	2000-01
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Health		
All Other	\$500	\$500

2 Provides funds to pay for the
administrative expenses to
4 coordinate efforts to respond
to the presence of rabies in
6 the State.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires the Bureau of Health to coordinate and keep records of the interdepartmental efforts to respond to the presence of rabies in the State. This bill also directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to continue to collaborate on efforts to respond to the presence of rabies in the State including working with the informal Maine rabies work group. This bill appropriates \$1,000 for the biennium to pay the administrative expenses incurred by the Bureau of Health to carry out the purposes of this bill.