

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 1818

H.P. 1264

House of Representatives, March 11, 1999

### An Act to Create Statewide Smoking Cessation Services.

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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 FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, MADORE of Augusta,  
McGLOCKLIN of Embden, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: MILLS of Somerset,  
PARADIS of Aroostook, TREAT of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §272, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

1. Development of statewide smoking cessation program. The department shall develop, implement and maintain a smoking cessation program that offers treatment services and resources on a statewide basis, trains and certifies tobacco cessation specialists and integrates smoking cessation into the health care and substance abuse treatment systems. The program must:

A. Address the needs of all smokers, especially teenage smokers;

B. Use nationally recognized standards for treatment services and the qualifications of tobacco cessation specialists. Treatment services must include behavioral counseling and cessation-specific pharmacotherapy available at least through workplaces, schools, health coverage plans, health providers' offices, hospitals and community health centers;

C. Provide professional education programs for health professionals, specialist training and certification, treatment and resource development, systems integration, policy development, program monitoring and evaluation and research; and

D. Include the promotion of workplace policies that encourage smoking cessation and minimize barriers to cessation.

**Sec. 2. Report.** By January 1, 2000, the Department of Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on its progress in establishing a statewide smoking cessation program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 272, subsection 3, including in the report any additional legislation required to establish the program. The committee may report all legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Funding smoking cessation programs.** The Department of Human Services shall fund the smoking cessation program developed as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 272, subsection 3 with 1/4 of all new funding over \$3.5 million received by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

SUMMARY

2           This bill directs the Department of Human Services to  
develop a statewide smoking cessation program and provides  
4           minimum requirements for the program. It requires a report by  
January 1, 2000, to the joint standing committee of the  
6           Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services  
matters on progress in establishing a statewide smoking cessation  
8           program, including in the report any legislation required to  
establish the program. It requires smoking cessation programs to  
10          receive funding under the tobacco prevention and control program.