

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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No. 2368

S.P. 916

In Senate, January 12, 2000

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### **An Act to Promote Bone Marrow Donation.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Cosponsored by Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, KONTOS of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PARADIS of Aroostook, PENDLETON of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: PIEH of Bremen, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 250-A is enacted to read:

6 CHAPTER 250-A

8 HUMAN LEUKOCYTE ANTIGEN SCREENING FUND

10 §851. Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund

12 1. Creation of fund. The Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening  
14 Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is established  
16 as a nonlapsing fund to support bone marrow screening drives.  
18 Money in the fund not needed to meet current obligations may be  
20 deposited with the Treasurer of State to the credit of the fund  
and may be invested as provided by law. Interest on these  
investments must be credited to the fund. Money in the fund must  
be used to support the cost of conducting bone marrow screening  
drives by eligible individuals or organizations that conduct bone  
marrow screening drives.

22 2. Administration. The department shall administer the  
24 fund and shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title  
26 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A necessary to administer the fund  
and to determine the criteria for eligible recipients.

28 3. Funding. A private health insurance provider in the  
30 State shall pay to the department an annual fee of 25¢ for every  
32 person that the provider insures in the State. The department  
shall deposit to the fund the fees collected under this  
subsection.

34 4. Other funds. The fund may receive money from any  
36 source, including grants, gifts, bequests and donations. Funds  
appropriated and money received for the benefit of the fund must  
be deposited to the fund.

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill creates the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund  
42 to help cover the costs of screening and registration for bone  
marrow donors.