

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2002

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Legislative Document

No. 1998

H.P. 1495

House of Representatives, December 26, 2001

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**An Act to Establish the Asthma Prevention and Control Program in the  
Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health.**

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and  
Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, DUDLEY of Portland, JACOBS of Turner, KANE of  
Saco, MAYO of Bath, NORTON of Bangor, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: CATHCART  
of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 275** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 275**

8 **ASTHMA PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM**

10 **§1700. Asthma prevention and control program**

12 **1. Program established.** The Bureau of Health shall  
14 **establish an asthma prevention and control program to provide**  
**leadership for and coordination of asthma prevention and**  
**intervention activities. The program may include, but is not**  
**limited to, the following:**

16 **A. Monitoring of asthma prevalence at the state and**  
18 **community levels;**

20 **B. Education and training of health professionals on the**  
22 **current methods of diagnosing and treating asthma;**

24 **C. Patient and family education on how to manage the disease;**

26 **D. Dissemination of information on programs shown to reduce**  
**hospitalization, emergency room visits and absenteeism due**  
**to asthma; and**

28 **E. Consultation to and support of community-based asthma**  
30 **prevention and control programs.**

32 **2. Consultation.** In implementing the program established in  
34 **subsection 1, the Bureau of Health shall consult with the**  
**Medicaid program administered by the department and the**  
**Department of Education. In addition, the bureau shall seek**  
36 **advice from other organizations and private entities concerned**  
**with the treatment and prevention of asthma.**

38 **3. Funding.** The Bureau of Health may accept federal funds  
40 **and grants for implementing the program established in subsection**  
**1 and may contract for work with outside vendors or individuals.**

42 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following  
44 appropriations and allocations are made.

46 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

48 **Bureau of Health**

2 New Initiative: Allocates funds for one Health Program manager  
position and one Planning and Research Associate I position and  
4 related operating costs to implement an asthma prevention and  
control program within the Bureau of Health.

6	<b>Federal Expenditures Fund</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
	Positions - Legislative Count	(2,000)
8	Personal Services	\$88,319
	All Other	17,767
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12	Total	\$106,086

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill establishes an asthma prevention and control  
program to provide leadership for and coordination of asthma  
18 prevention and intervention activities within the State. The  
program is authorized to receive federal grant money. The  
20 program will consult with statewide organizations concerned with  
the treatment and prevention of asthma.