

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 713

S.P. 251

In Senate, February 14, 2003

An Act to Support Health Care Safety Net Programs

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 MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland, Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland,
DUGAY of Cherryfield.

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

2 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4366-E is enacted to read:

4 §4366-E. Additional cigarette tax for health care safety net
6 programs

8 1. Additional tax imposed. Beginning October 1, 2003, in
10 addition to the tax imposed under sections 4365 and 4366-D, a tax
12 is imposed of 2.5 mills for each cigarette imported into this
14 State or held for sale in this State by any person. The tax
 imposed under this section must be added to the tax imposed under
 sections 4365 and 4366-D and collected and administered in the
 same manner as the tax under those sections.

16 2. Transition. The State Tax Assessor shall adopt rules to
18 ensure that cigarettes sold or held for resale, including sales
20 through vending machines, on October 1, 2003 are stamped at the
22 combined tax rate applicable under sections 4365 and 4366-D and
24 this section. The rules must specify a due date for payment of
 tax due under this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this
 section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

26 Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following
 appropriations and allocations are made.

28 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

30 **Bureau of Health 0143**

32 Initiative: Provides fund for grants to federally qualified
34 health centers to meet the need of providing primary health care
 to the uninsured and underinsured persons whose income is below
 200% of the federal poverty level at eligible sites.

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General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$2,800,000	\$3,250,000
General Fund Total	\$2,800,000	\$3,250,000

42 **Bureau of Health 0143**

44 Initiative: Provides fund for assistance grants to eligible
46 federally qualified health centers and Indian Health
 Service-supported centers for the establishment and growth of
48 federally authorized drug pricing programs under United States
 Public Law 102-585, Section 340B.

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General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
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2	All Other	\$250,000	\$500,000
4	General Fund Total	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

Bureau of Health 0143

6 Initiative: Provides funds for a one-time grant to the Maine
 8 Primary Care Association to evaluate the health care safety net,
 10 focusing on health outcomes, cost avoidance and reducing health
 care disparities.

12	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
14	All Other	\$250,000	\$0
16	General Fund Total	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
 DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

18		2003-04	2004-05
20	GENERAL FUND	\$3,300,000	\$3,750,000
22	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,300,000	\$3,750,000

SECTION TOTALS

24		2003-04	2004-05
26	GENERAL FUND	\$3,300,000	\$3,750,000
28	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,300,000	\$3,750,000

SUMMARY

32 This bill provides funding for the Bureau of Health, within
 34 the Department of Human Services, to make grants to federally
 36 qualified health centers, Indian Health Service - supported
 38 centers and the Maine Primary Care Association to support health
 care safety net programs. The additional funding is offset by an
 increase in the cigarette tax from \$1 to \$1.05 per pack.