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S.P. 314

In Senate, February 25, 2003

An Act To Ensure Comprehensive Cancer Control in Maine

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 Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth and
Senators: STANLEY of Penobscot, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: DUPLESSIE of
Westbrook, DUPREY of Medway, JACKSON of Fort Kent, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, SMITH
of Monmouth, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1407** is enacted to read:

6 **§1407. Cancer prevention, research and treatment**

8 **1. Program established.** The Bureau of Health shall
10 establish a cancer prevention and control program to provide
12 leadership for and coordination of cancer prevention, research
14 and treatment activities. The program may include, but is not
16 limited to:

18 **A. Monitoring cancer prevalence at the state and community**
20 **levels through the cancer-incidence registry under section**
22 **1404 and other means;**

24 **B. Education and training of health professionals on the**
26 **current methods of diagnosing and treating cancer;**

28 **C. Patient and family education on how to manage the**
30 **disease and the treatment of the disease; and**

32 **D. Consultation with and support of community-based cancer**
34 **prevention, research and treatment programs.**

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

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

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill establishes a cancer prevention and control
42 program to provide leadership for and coordination of cancer
44 prevention, research and treatment activities within the State.
The program is authorized to receive federal grant money. The
program will consult with statewide organizations concerned with
the treatment and prevention of cancer.