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CHAPTER 415

H. P. 499 — L. D. 635

AN ACT Concerning Persons Exposed to Diethylstilbestrol.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 267 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 267

EXPOSURE TO DIETHYLSTILBESTROL

§ 1651. Identification of exposed persons

For the purpose of identifying persons who have been exposed to the potential hazards and afflictions of diethylstilbestrol and for the purpose of educating the public concerning the symptoms and prevention of associated malignancies, the Commissioner of Human Services shall establish, promote and maintain a public information campaign on diethylstilbestrol. This campaign shall be conducted throughout the State and shall include, but not be limited to, a concerted effort at reaching those persons or the offspring of persons who have been exposed to diethylstilbestrol in order to encourage them to seek medical care for the prevention or treatment of any malignant condition.

§ 1652. Providers of screening programs

The Commissioner of Human Services shall actively seek providers of health care to participate in regional programs which provide public information and screening for diethylstilbestrol exposed persons. In determining regional screening program providers, the commissioner shall consider the provider's compliance with state and federally mandated standards, the location in relation to the population to be served and the capacity of the provider to properly conduct these programs.

§ 1653. Registry

The Bureau of Health, within the Department of Human Services, shall establish and maintain a registry limited to women who took diethylstilbestrol during pregnancy, and their offspring who were exposed to diethylstilbestrol prenatally, solely for the purpose of follow-up care and treatment of long-term problems associated with diethylstilbestrol exposure. Enrollment in the registry shall be upon a voluntary basis.

§ 1654. Assistance

The commissioner may request and shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the State, or of any political subdivision thereof, such assistance and data as will enable him to properly carry out his activities hereunder and effectuate the purposes set forth in this chapter. The commissioner may also enter into any contract for services which he deems necessary with a private agency or concern upon such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate.

§ 1655. Report

The department shall make an annual report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services of the Legislature of its findings and recommendations concerning the effectiveness, impact and benefits derived from the special programs as provided for in this chapter. This report shall be delivered on or before the first day of February and shall contain evaluations of these special programs and recommendations in final draft form of any legislation deemed necessary and proper.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA § 2303, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. No individual or group in nonprofit hospital and medical service organization contracts or renewals thereof, shall be denied or not renewed, solely because the mother of the subscriber or member has taken or is discovered to have taken diethylstilbestrol, commonly referred to as DES.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA § 2450 is enacted to read:

§ 2450. Eligibility for health insurance in certain cases

No policy of accident or health insurance, or group or blanket accident or health insurance or renewals thereof, shall be denied or not renewed by the insurer, solely because the mother of the insured has taken or is discovered to have taken diethylstilbestrol, commonly referred to as DES.

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CHAPTER 416

H. P. 1332 — L. D. 1579

AN ACT to Redefine the Term "Political Committee" Under the Election Laws.

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