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An Act to Discourage Smoking, Provide Tax Relief and Improve the Health of Maine Citizens. (Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CAMERON of Rumford, MITCHELL of Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, SAXL of Portland, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MILLS of Somerset, PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox. Engrossed Without Reference 06/20/97. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 06/20/97, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 560.

Original Bill

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[Final Report of the Maine Comm'n on Children's Health Care \(January 28, 1998\)](#)

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