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An Act To Reduce the Expense of Health Care Treatment and Protect the Health of Maine Citizens by Providing Early Screening, Detection and Prevention of Cancer

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1407, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 215, §1, is amended to read:

§ 1407. Comprehensive cancer prevention, research and treatment

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

- A. Monitoring cancer prevalence at the state and community levels through the cancer-incidence registry under section 1404 and other means;
- B. Education and training of health professionals on the current methods of diagnosing and treating cancer;
- C. Patient and family education on how to manage the disease and the treatment of the disease; and
- D. Consultation with and support of community-based cancer prevention, research and treatment programs; and
- E. Implementation of a comprehensive cancer screening, detection and prevention program.

2. Consultation. In implementing the program established in subsection 1, the Bureau of Health shall consult with the Medicaid program administered by the department and with the Department of Education. In addition, the bureau shall seek 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.

4. Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund; funding. The Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund is established within the department to fund or assist in funding the comprehensive cancer screening, detection and prevention program should it be established pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph E. Any balance in the fund does not lapse but is carried forward to be expended for the same purposes in succeeding fiscal years. The fund must be deposited with and maintained and administered by the department. The fund may receive funds from any non-General Fund source, including grants or contributions of money from the public or private sector, to carry out the purposes of subsection 1, paragraph E.

5. Rulemaking. The Bureau of Health shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Maine cancer plan implementation. The Department of Health and Human Services shall, contingent upon availability of funding, establish a comprehensive cancer screening, detection and prevention program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1407, subsection 1, paragraph E based on the implementation strategy developed by the Maine Cancer Consortium for The Maine Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2006-2010.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)
Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund Z054**

Initiative: Provides a base allocation in the event that funds are received to fund the comprehensive cancer screening, detection and prevention program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/> \$500	<hr/> \$500

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