

SENATE . . . . . No. 565

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By Mr. Rotondi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 565) of Samuel Rotondi for legislation to establish a state cancer registry. Health Care.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE CANCER REGISTRY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-  
2 serting after section 111A the following section: —

3 *Section 111B.* The department shall establish a registry to  
4 record cases of cancer and other specified tumorous and pre-  
5 cancerous diseases that occur in the commonwealth, and such  
6 information concerning these cases as it shall deem necessary  
7 and appropriate in order to conduct thorough and complete  
8 epidemiologic surveys of cancer and cancer-related diseases  
9 in the commonwealth and to apply appropriate preventive and  
10 control measures.

11 The commissioner shall require the reporting of cases of  
12 cancer and other specified tumorous and precancerous diseases  
13 and the submission of such specified additional information on  
14 reported cases or control populations as he deems necessary  
15 and appropriate for the recognition, prevention, cure or con-  
16 trol of such diseases.

17 The commissioner may make such rules and regulations as  
18 are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

19 The department shall, subject to appropriation, maintain  
20 comprehensive records of all reports submitted pursuant to  
21 this section. Such reports shall be confidential and shall be  
22 released by the department, only upon written request of the  
23 report, or his guardian, executor, attorney, or other person  
24 designated by said subject in writing. Such reports and rec-  
25 ords or information contained therein, may also be released

26 by the department to persons authorized by the commissioner  
27 to conduct research studies or to other persons, but no report  
28 or record shall be released which allows identification of the  
29 subjects of said reports or records.

30 Nothing in this section shall be construed to compel any  
31 individual to submit to medical or department examination or  
32 supervision.