

SENATE No. 1952

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, February 25, 1980.

The committee on Health Care, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 501) of Louis P. Bertonazzi and Barbara Fegan for legislation to establish a state cancer registry, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 565) of Samuel Rotondi for legislation to establish a state cancer registry and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5513) of Richard P. Roche, Richard A. Voke and another for legislation to establish a state cancer registry within the Department of Public Health, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1952).

For the Committee,

EDWARD L. BURKE

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE CANCER INCIDENCE 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 111A the following sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 111B.* The department shall establish an incidence
5 registry to record certain cases of malignant disease that occur
6 in residents of the commonwealth, and such information con-
7 cerning these cases as it shall deem necessary and appropriate
8 in order to conduct epidemiologic surveys of cancer in the com-
9 monwealth and to apply appropriate preventive and control
10 measures.

11 The commissioner shall require the reporting of certain cases
12 of malignant disease and the submission of such specified ad-
13 ditional information on reported cases or control populations,
14 as he deems necessary and appropriate for the recognition,
15 prevention, or control of such diseases.

16 The department shall, subject to appropriation, maintain
17 comprehensive records of all reports submitted pursuant to this
18 section. Such reports shall be confidential in accordance with
19 Section 70 of Chapter 111 of the M.G.L. and shall be released
20 by the department, only upon written request of the patient,
21 or his guardian, executor, attorney, or other person designated
22 by said subject in writing. Such reports and records or informa-
23 tion contained therein, may also be released by the department
24 to persons authorized by the commissioner to conduct research
25 studies or to other persons, but no such studies shall identify
26 the subjects of said reports or records.

27 Nothing in this section shall be construed to compel any in-
28 dividual to submit to medical or department examination or
29 supervision.

30 The department shall make such rules and regulations as are

31 necessary to implement the provisions of this section pursuant
32 to Chapter 30A of the M.G.L.

1 SECTION 2. The department of public health shall establish
2 the incidence registry to record certain cases of malignant
3 disease and promulgate necessary rules and regulations as are
4 provided for in section one of this act prior to July first, nine-
5 teen hundred and eighty-one. The interval between the ef-
6 fective date of this act and the implementation shall be devoted
7 to planning and identification of resources for the incidence
8 registry.

