

By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, petition of Theodore C. Speliotis that local health departments be required to compile statistical data relative to deaths attributed to cancer placing special emphasis on environmental factors. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT DIRECTING LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO COMPILE STATISTICAL DATA REGARDING DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO CANCER PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS.

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. The State Department of Public Health shall
2 provide Local Health Departments with a standard form to be
3 used for compiling data on any individual whose death was attrib-
4 uted to cancer within the local community. This form shall be
5 drafted by the State D.P.H. and forwarded to local communities
6 no later than January 1, 1986.

1 SECTION 2. City and Town clerks shall forward copies of
2 death certificates to their respective Local Health Department at
3 the end of each month beginning January 1, 1986.

1 SECTION 3. Local Health Department directors shall appoint
2 qualified health agents within their department to compile infor-
3 mation regarding any cancer related death within their community
4 within 90 days of notification of said deaths.

1 SECTION 4. For each calendar year ending, Local Health
2 Departments shall forward copies of this information to the State
3 Department of Public Health. Local Departments shall keep
4 copies of this information on file.

1 SECTION 5. The provisions of Section 2 shall not apply to any
2 city or town with a population of 5,000 inhabitants or less.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 1986.