

By Ms. Pines, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 484) of Lois G. Pines, Angelo M. Scaccia, Charles E. Shannon, Cheryl A. Jacques, Carol A. Donovan, Shirley Owens-Hicks, Ken O'Donnell, Althea Garrison and Marie-Louise Kehoe for legislation to establish an osteoporosis prevention and education program. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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, as appearing in the 1990
2 edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sections: —

3 Section 4M. The department of public health shall establish,
4 promote and maintain a program to be known as the Osteoporosis
5 Prevention and Education Program in order to promote public
6 awareness of the causes of osteoporosis, options for prevention,
7 the value of early detection and possible treatments, including
8 their benefits and risks. The department may accept for such
9 purposes any special grant of money, services or property from
10 the federal government or any of its agencies or from any
11 foundation, organization or medical school.

12 The program shall include:

13 (1) development of a public education and outreach campaign
14 to promote osteoporosis prevention and education, including, but
15 not limited to the following subjects:

- 16 (a) cause and nature of the disease;
- 17 (b) risk factors;
- 18 (c) role of hysterectomy;
- 19 (d) prevention, including nutrition, diet, and physical exercise;
- 20 (e) diagnostic procedures and appropriate indications for their
21 use;

22 (f) hormone replacement, including benefits and risks;
23 (g) environmental safety and injury prevention;
24 (h) availability of osteoporosis diagnostic treatment services in
25 the community.

26 (2) development of educational materials to be made available
27 for consumers, particularly targeted to high risk groups, through
28 local departments of health, local physicians, other providers,
29 including, but not limited to, health maintenance organizations,
30 hospitals and clinics, and women's organizations.

31 (3) development of professional education programs for health
32 care providers to assist them in understanding the following:

33 (a) research findings;

34 (b) cause and nature of the disease;

35 (c) risk factors;

36 (d) role of hysterectomy;

37 (e) prevention, including nutrition, diet and physical exercise;

38 (f) diagnostic procedures and appropriate indications for their
39 use;

40 (g) hormone replacement, including benefits and risks;

41 (h) environmental safety and injury prevention;

42 (i) availability of osteoporosis diagnostic and treatment
43 services in the community;

44 (4) development and maintenance of a list of current providers
45 of specialized services for prevention and treatment of
46 osteoporosis. Dissemination of such list shall be accompanied by
47 a description of diagnostic procedures, appropriate indications for
48 their use, and a cautionary statement about the current status of
49 osteoporosis research, prevention and treatment. Such statement
50 shall also indicate that the department does not license, certify
51 or in any other way approve osteoporosis programs or centers in
52 this state.

53 Section 4N. There is hereby established in the department the
54 Osteoporosis Advisory Council to be appointed by the commis-
55 sioner. The members of the council shall include representatives
56 from any major state agency that could have a role in prevention
57 and education activities related to osteoporosis, persons with
58 osteoporosis, women's health organizations, public health
59 educators, experts in bone and osteoporosis research, prevention
60 and treatment, and health care providers including representation

61 from the following professions: radiology, orthopedics, nursing,
62 physical therapy, and nutrition. The members of the council shall
63 serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for any
64 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

65 Said board shall assist the department in the implementation
66 of the provisions of section four M.

