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(Renal Disease program est. in Department of
Health - appropriations \$250,000)

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Introduced May 1, 1969 by Hurley and others.
A statement was made. (Copy enclosed)
In assembly at present.

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Introduced May 1, 1969 by Forsythe & Maraziti.
No statement.
Not amended *during passage*.

One clipping was found entitled:

"For Kidney Suffers - \$250,000 To Save Lives Awaiting Hughes'
Signature", taken from the Trenton Evening Times, May 21, 1969

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ASSEMBLY, No. 944

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 1, 1969

By Assemblymen HURLEY, CAFIERO, CAPERS, OWENS
and DODD

Referred to Committee on Air and Water Pollution and Public Health

AN ACT concerning the State Department of Health, establishing a renal dialysis program in the Division of Chronic Illness Control, and providing funds therefor.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The State Department of Health is hereby directed to estab-
2 lish and conduct a program in the Division of Chronic Illness Con-
3 trol of applied research, epidemiology, and organization of renal
4 dialysis services in regional hospital centers and at home, for the
5 prevention of death and disability from kidney disease and includ-
6 ing among its objectives:

- 7 a. the strengthening of existing renal dialysis centers;
8 b. development of regional facilities for in-patients;
9 c. training of staff, patients and families;
10 d. provision of equipment, drugs and supplies for intermittent
11 dialysis in centers and at home;
12 e. provision of follow-up, transportation, and supervision of
13 patients at home; and
14 f. rehabilitation services.

1 2. The program to be established under the provisions of this act
2 shall meet such standards as may be established therefor by the
3 Public Health Council.

1 3. The sum of \$300,000.00 is hereby appropriated for establish-
2 ment of the program authorized by this bill.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

When the kidneys are no longer able to perform their vital functions, a specific clinical picture results. This clinical picture is called uremia.

Uremia may result either from primary disease of the kidneys or from secondary involvement of the kidneys in more generalized diseases.

Chronic kidney disease and uremia may result in prolonged severe disability and death. These conditions often affect fathers in their gainful years, or mothers of families, with devastating results to them and their families. Some of the deaths and the great disability among some of the patients can be prevented. Most of the manifestations of chronic uremia among some patients can be reversed by chronic intermittent renal dialysis in hospitals and at home. The lives of the persons affected literally depends on the prolonged availability of these life-saving services.

Kidney diseases cause over 300 deaths in New Jersey each year. The toll is heaviest on the many persons afflicted with chronic kidney disease. The total number of cases is not known. Among those in New Jersey with these conditions, these life-preserving services may be applicable for 250-350 per year.

The services needed by such patients after meticulous diagnostic studies and careful treatment include chronic intermittent renal dialysis in regional hospital kidney centers and provision for renal dialysis at home under close supervision of the centers and provision for kidney transplants where appropriate.

The costs of these necessary services are high and must be sustained for years. The high costs and technical difficulties are powerful factors in the burdens caused by these conditions on families and on society. Costs per patient per year for maintaining renal dialysis in an established center are \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00.