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(Cancer incidence registry)

Bill No. S1758

Sponsor(s) Skevin and others

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Senate Institutions, Health & Welfare; Revenue, Finance & Appropriations

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974.90 N.J. Legislature. Senate. Commission on the Incidence
H434 of Cancer.

1976n Interim report. December, 1976. -Recommendation for
legislation on p.14

This report includes:

1) N.J. Legislature. Senate. Commission on the Incidence
of Cancer in N.J.

Public hearings, held Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 1976
3 volumes - "registry" mentioned in v.3

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2). N.J. Legislature. Senate. Commission on the Incidence of
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Public meeting. Held June 11, 1976. Trenton
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3). N.J. Department of Health. Controlling cancer in N.J.:
Let's protect our people. 1976 - see pp.12-13
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N.J. Department of Health. Cancer in N.J.:
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controlling cancer in N.J.)

SENATE, No. 1758

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 15, 1976

By Senators SKEVIN, McGAHN, MARESSA, MARTINDELL
and PARKER

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

AN ACT concerning the control of cancer in New Jersey, providing for a registry of the incidence of cancer and other tumorous and precancerous diseases, authorizing the State Department of Health to require certain persons to report such cases, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares:

2 a. That New Jersey is currently suffering from the highest
3 overall mortality rates for cancer in the Nation;

4 b. That certain forms of cancer are now believed to be attribut-
5 able to environmental factors which, if controlled, can significantly
6 reduce cancer incidence in this State;

7 c. That more complete and more precise statistical data are
8 necessary to determine the correlations between cancer incidence
9 and possible environmental factors and to evaluate cancer treat-
10 ment and prevention measures that are currently in progress; and,

11 d. That a cancer registry would thus provide a vital foundation
12 for a concerted State effort to reduce the incidence of environ-
13 mentally related cancer in this State.

1 2. The State Department of Health shall establish and maintain
2 an up-to-date registry which shall include a record of cases of
3 cancer and specified cases of tumorous or precancerous disease
4 that occur in New Jersey, and such information concerning these
5 cases as it shall deem necessary and appropriate in order to conduct
6 thorough and complete epidemiologic surveys of cancer and cancer-
7 related diseases in this State and to apply appropriate preventive
8 and control measures.

1 3. a. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the
 2 Public Health Council, shall require the reporting of cases of
 3 cancer and other specified tumorous and precancerous diseases, and
 4 the submission of such specified additional information on reported
 5 cases or control populations as he deems necessary and appropriate
 6 for the recognition, prevention, cure or control of such diseases.

7 b. Pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the Commissioner
 8 of Health is hereby authorized to adopt and promulgate, in the
 9 manner prescribed by the applicable provisions of the "Administra-
 10 tive Procedure Act" (P. L. 1968, c. 410; C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), rules
 11 and regulations specifying the health care providers, individuals,
 12 and other organizations obliged to make the report and submissions
 13 required by subsection a. of this section, the related information
 14 to be included in such reports, and the methods for such reporting.

1 4. The reports made pursuant to this act are to be used only
 2 by the State Department of Health and such other agencies as may
 3 be designated by the Commissioner of Health and shall not other-
 4 wise be divulged or made public so as to disclose the identity of
 5 any person to whom they relate; and to that end, such reports shall
 6 not be included under materials available to public inspection
 7 pursuant to P. L. 1963, c. 73 (C. 47:1A-1 et seq.).

1 5. No individual or organization providing information to the
 2 State Department of Health in accordance with this act shall be
 3 deemed to be, or held liable for, divulging confidential information.

1 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed to compel any individual
 2 to submit to medical or health department examination or
 3 supervision.

1 7. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Health
 2 the sum of \$200,000.00 to establish and administer the registry
 3 created by section 2. of this act and to process and analyze the
 4 information recorded therein.

1 8. This act shall take effect 30 days following its enactment.

STATEMENT

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ASSEMBLY INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND
WELFARE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1758

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DATED: JULY 11, 1977

The committee agreed with the purpose of this bill and released the bill without amendment.

This legislation: (1) requires the Department of Health to maintain a registry of cases of cancer and of specified cases of tumorous or pre-cancerous diseases that occur in New Jersey; (2) authorizes the commissioner, in consultation with the Public Health Council, to require such reporting as she deems necessary to maintain the registry; (3) specifies that such reports shall be kept confidential; and (4) appropriates \$200,000.00 to establish and administer the registry.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1758

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 31, 1977

In order to provide a statistical basis for the development and evaluation of programs to reduce the incidence of environmentally-related cancer, this bill requires the Department of Health to maintain a registry of cases of cancer and of specified cases of tumorous or precancerous disease that occur in New Jersey. It further provides that the Commissioner of Health shall, in consultation with the Public Health Council, require whatever reporting of information she deems necessary in order to maintain the registry. All such reports are to be kept confidential and no individual or organization providing such information shall be held liable for divulging confidential information to the registry. Representatives of the Department of Health, which supports this measure, have indicated to the committee that this latter provision represents a major reason for seeking this legislation. A voluntary registry without the liability protection afforded by this bill would not accomplish the goal of a complete and reliable cancer data bank. During the committee deliberation, it was made clear by the Department of Health that this bill would not require the reporting of information from Christian Scientist facilities, or practitioners, since they neither examine nor diagnose for medical purposes.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$200,000.00 to the Department of Health for the administration of the registry. This represents the Department's estimate of the total cost of salaries, overhead and data processing for an entire fiscal year.

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SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1758

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DATED: FEBRUARY 17, 1977

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FISCAL NOTE TO
SENATE, No. 1758

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 1977

Senate Bill No. 1758 requires the establishment and maintenance of a cancer incidence registry.

The Division of Budget and Accounting estimates that enactment of this legislation would require a State expenditure of \$194,152.00 in fiscal 1977-78 and \$203,860.00 in fiscal 1978-79.

The fiscal note is based on actual cost information.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

Moped drivers are also prohibited from carrying passengers. The bill requires owners of mopeds to have liability insurance.

It takes effect in 90 days.

S-1758, sponsored by Senator John Skevin (D-Bergen), which establishes a cancer registry in New Jersey.

The bill requires the Department of Health to establish and maintain an up-to-date registry which will include a record of cancer cases and other pertinent information. The reports of specific cases of disease are not to be subject to public inspection and are excluded from materials to be made available for public inspection under the public records statute.

The bill appropriates \$200,000 to the Department of Health to administer the registry. The bill takes effect 30 days after enactment.

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