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To: Public Health and  
Welfare;  
Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1406

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL  
2 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT IN ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
3 DISTRICTS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE  
4 CERTAIN TESTS FOR CANCER AT NO CHARGE TO THE PERSONS BEING TESTED;  
5 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF  
6 THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TESTED AND THE  
7 OUTCOME OF THE TESTS, TO THE LEGISLATURE, TOGETHER WITH A  
8 RECOMMENDATION ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE PROJECT TO  
9 OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
10 DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES FOR RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON  
11 THE VALUE OF THE EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER; AND FOR RELATED  
12 PURPOSES.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

14 SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Health shall develop  
15 and implement by October 1, 1999, a pilot project in one (1) of  
16 the public health districts of the state in which the department  
17 shall provide bilateral mammograms, Pap tests and  
18 prostate-specific antigen (PSA) tests at no charge to the persons  
19 who are tested.

20 (2) The department shall conduct the pilot project for at  
21 least two (2) years after its implementation.

22 (3) The department shall collect data on the number of  
23 persons tested in the project and shall make determinations about  
24 the outcome of the tests. The names of the persons tested and any  
25 other means of identification shall be confidential and shall not  
26 be disclosed to the public.

27 (4) The department shall provide a report of the results of  
28 the project, to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2002. The  
29 report shall contain a recommendation about the feasibility of  
30 expanding the project to other areas of the state.

31 (5) The department may accept grants, services and property

32 from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical  
33 schools and other entities as may be available for the purposes of  
34 fulfilling the obligations of this project.

35 (6) The department shall seek any federal waiver or waivers  
36 that may be necessary to maximize funds from the federal  
37 government to implement this project.

38 (7) The department may design and implement strategies for  
39 raising public awareness on the value of the early detection of  
40 cancer.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 1999.