



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1033**

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR EARLY DETECTION,  
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LUNG CANCER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) On or before October  
2 1, 2008, the Department of Public Health shall, within available  
3 appropriations, establish a pilot program for hospitals licensed under  
4 chapter 368v of the general statutes to improve early diagnosis,  
5 detection and treatment of lung cancer. The commissioner shall make  
6 grants and may provide additional financial incentives to hospitals  
7 participating in the pilot program for the development and  
8 implementation of lung cancer screening projects in which (1) at least  
9 twenty-five per cent of the patients are racial minorities, (2) at least  
10 fifty per cent of the patients have a family income below one hundred  
11 eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level and are not otherwise  
12 eligible for Medicaid, and (3) patients whose family income does not  
13 exceed one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level  
14 are not billed for such screening services.

15 (b) The commissioner shall select hospitals to participate in the pilot  
16 program authorized under subsection (a) of this section by a  
17 competitive process based on consideration of the following: (1)  
18 Availability of computerized tomography scanning at the hospital; (2)  
19 whether the hospital is located in an area designated by the federal

20 Health Resources and Services Administration as a medically  
21 underserved area or an area with a medically underserved population;  
22 (3) the percentage of low-income persons to whom the hospital  
23 provides services on an annual basis; and (4) such other factors as the  
24 commissioner deems relevant.

25 (c) On or before January 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Public Health  
26 shall evaluate the pilot program established under subsection (a) of  
27 this section and shall submit a report of the commissioner's findings  
28 and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in  
30 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**HS**            *Joint Favorable*