

## CHAPTER 63

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research and amending P.L.1983, c.6.

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

1. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9U-3 Definitions.

3. As used in this act:

a. "Approved research project" means a scientific research project, which is approved by the commission and which focuses on the genetic, biochemical, viral, microbiological and environmental causes of cancer, and may include, but is not limited to, behavioral, socio-economic, demographic and psychosocial research or research into methods of clinical treatment; or which focuses on pain management and palliative care for persons diagnosed with cancer.

b. "Commission" means the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research established pursuant to this act.

c. "Institutional support services" means all services, facilities, equipment, personnel and expenditures associated with the creation and maintenance of approved research projects.

d. "Qualifying research institution" means the Institute for Medical Research in Camden, New Jersey, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Rutgers--The State University, Princeton University and any other institution approved by the commission, which is conducting an approved research project.

2. Section 5 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-5) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9U-5 Duties of commission.

5. The commission shall:

a. Review and authorize approved research projects;

b. Apportion all available funds to qualifying research institutions to finance approved research projects and necessary institutional support services;

c. Ensure that funds appropriated to approved research projects are not diverted to any other use;

d. Take steps necessary to encourage the development within the State of research projects on:

(1) the causes of cancer; and

(2) pain management and palliative care for persons diagnosed with cancer;

e. Compile a directory of all cancer research projects being conducted in the State; and

f. Provide the Governor and the Legislature with a report by January 30 of each year describing the status of the commission's activities and the results of its funded research efforts.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 13, 2000.