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No. 333

S. P. 158

In Senate, February 6, 1979

On Motion of Senator Huber of Cumberland referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Amend the Effective Date of Abolishing the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Improvement Fund.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Improvement Fund is a special revenue account generated by reimbursement for services rendered in mental health and mental retardation institutions; and

Whereas, Public Law 1977, chapter 680, abolished this account effective in fiscal year 1980 by transferring funds generated to the General Fund and authorizing the Bureau of the Budget to consider those services as current services fundable by the General Fund; and

Whereas, anticipated reductions in the reimbursement rate for fiscal year 1980 make it financially necessary for the State to accomplish this legislative intent in fiscal year 1979; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3172-B, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 680, § 2, is amended to read:

4. Budget. Those mental health and mental retardation programs receiving legislative approval for funding for fiscal year ~~1980~~ **1979** shall be considered current services by the Bureau of the Budget when next preparing a budget.

Sec. 2. PL 1977, c. 680, § 3, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Effective date. Title 22, section 3172-B, ~~subsection~~ **subsections 1, 2 and 3** of this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~1980~~ **1979**.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.