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H. P. 878

House of Representatives, March 7, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Wood of Sanford, Mr. Whittemore of Skowhegan and Mr. McKean of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to the Costs of Transporting Persons to Hospitals for the
Mentally Ill.**

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

34 MRSA § 2333, sub-§ 1, ¶ D, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 429, § 3, is amended to read:

~~The county in which such person is found~~ **Department of Mental Health and Corrections** shall be responsible for any expenses of transportation for the person pursuant to this section, including return if admission is declined.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At present, state statute provides that counties in certain situations assume the costs of transporting persons to be admitted to hospitals for the mentally ill. There is no clear reason for the counties to assume this cost.

This bill will put the costs where they belong, that is, on the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.