

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 2207

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1573, L.D. 2207, "An Act to Establish the Office of Mental Health and Human Services Ombudsman"

Amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'4. The following members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

A. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, one representing the majority party and one representing the minority party;

B. One member of a statewide organization representing the elderly;

C. One member of a statewide organization representing persons with mental illness; and

D. One person representing the long-term care ombudsman program; and be it further'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1998-99

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L.D. 2207

**Task Force to Study the Need for an  
Ombudsman for the Department of Human  
Services and the Department of Mental  
Health, Mental Retardation and  
Substance Abuse Services**

Personal Services	\$660
All Other	1,100

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

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TOTAL**

\$1,760'

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1998-99**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund	(\$77,518)
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The amendment decreases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$77,518 in fiscal year 1998-99 by eliminating the appropriation for 2 Advocate positions in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment eliminates the appropriation for 2 Advocate positions for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. The amendment also changes the makeup of the task force. Instead of one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, there will be 2

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members. The member from a statewide organization representing  
women is eliminated.

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# SENATE AMENDMENT