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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 101st LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 418, L. D. 1161, Bill, "An Act

Revising Laws Relating to Pineland Hospital and Training Center."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 144-A." of section 7 by adding after the underlined figure "16" in the 5th line the underlined words and punctuation ', except as provided in section 144-E,'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 144-B." of section 7 by striking out in the 4th line the underlined word "established" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'determined'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated paragraph "A." of subsection I of section 144-B of section 7 by striking out in the 3rd line the underlined word "may" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'shall'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated paragraph "B." of subsection I of section 144-B of section 7 by adding at the end of said paragraph, before the period the following:

'; except that, certification by a psychologist shall not be required if the person, as determined by the department, is so severely retarded as to be untestable by formal methods'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated subsection "II." of section 144-B of section 7 by striking out all of said subsection and inserting in place thereof the following:

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'II. Emergency admittance. Whenever it is made to appear to the superintendent of the Pineland Hospital and Training Center that a person, a proper subject for the Pineland Hospital and Training Center, is in need of immediate care and treatment and admittance is requested by a licensed physician with the approval of a parent, relative, spouse or guardian of the person, the person may be admitted solely on the basis thereof for a period not to exceed 15 days. A report of the circumstances of such emergency admission shall be made promptly to the department and if continuing care and treatment is indicated the regular admission procedures shall be initiated for voluntary admission without certification. During the pendency of said procedure the superintendent may detain such patient at his institution, but in no event for a period longer than 30 days.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the 14th and 15th lines of section 8 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'upon a certificate of 2 <u>licensed</u> physicians who-are-graduates-of-some legally-organized-medical-college-and-have-practiced-3-years-in-this State, it'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the last line of section 8 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"seetien-145-of chapter 27, section 144-B, be committed to said school.'"

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Further amend said Bill in the last line of section 9 by striking out the underlined figure " $\underline{144-A}$ " and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure ' $\underline{144-B}$ '

Further amend said Bill in the 3rd line from the end of section 10 by striking out the underlined figure " $\underline{144-A}$ " and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure ' $\underline{144-B}$ '

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 144-A." of section 7 by striking out in the 4th line from the end the underlined words and figures "section 118 or 119" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words and figures 'chapter 149, section 17-A or 17-C'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 144-D." of section 7 by striking out in the 4th line the underlined words and figures "section 118 or 119" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words and figure 'chapter 149, section 17-A or 17-C'

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