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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1229, L.D. 1724, Bill, "An Act Redefining Aid for Public Assistance Purposes."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. For the purposes of this Act there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967. The breakdown of expenditure shall be as follows:

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		<u>1966-67</u>
Personal Services	(16)	\$ 75,000
All Other		123,000
Capital Expenditures		<u>2,000</u>
		\$200,000

Sec. 3. Mental Health Program Improvement Fund. All sums received by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections under section 1 shall be credited to a special revenue account in the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to be known as the Mental Health Program Improvement Fund. At least 50% of the sums in the fund shall be transferred, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to the Department of Health and Welfare to finance insofar as possible a liberalized definition of disability by including mental disease or disorder as a basis for eligibility for assistance. Sums remaining in the Mental Health Program Improvement Fund shall be utilized by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, with the approval of the Governor and Council, for improvement of mental health programs'

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