

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 17, 1971

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carrier of Westbrook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Transferring Services to Alcoholics and Drug Addicts to the Bureau  
of Mental Health.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 2001, amended.** Section 2001 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 2001. Creation; purpose**

The Bureau of Mental Health, as heretofore created within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, shall be responsible for the direction of the mental health programs **and programs for alleviating alcoholism and drug abuse** in the institutions within the department and shall be responsible for the promotion and guidance of mental health programs **and programs for alleviating alcoholism and drug abuse** within the several communities of the State.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 2051, amended.** Section 2051 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 2051. Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to expand community mental health services **and services to alleviate alcoholism and drug abuse**; to encourage participation in such ~~a program~~ **programs** by persons in local communities; to obtain better understanding of the need of such services and to secure aid for the ~~program~~ **programs** by state aid and local financial support.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 34, § 2052, amended.** The first sentence of section 2052 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections may provide mental health services **and services to alleviate alcoholism and drug abuse** throughout the State, and for that purpose may cooperate with other state agencies, municipalities, persons and nonprofit corporations.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 34, § 2053, amended.** The first sentence of section 2053 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A municipality or other governmental unit, such as a county, school district, health district, etc., through its local board of health or other town or governmental agency approved by the department, is authorized to adopt and carry out a program of mental health services **or services to alleviate alcoholism and drug abuse** established or approved by the department and appropriate money for that purpose.

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 22, §§ 1351 and 1352, repealed.** Sections 1351 and 1352 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed.

**Sec. 6. Duties and appropriations.** The duties imposed upon the Department of Health and Welfare, Alcoholism Services, are transferred and imposed upon the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, Bureau of Mental Health and any funds appropriated by the 105th Legislature to Alcoholism Services in the Department of Health and Welfare shall be transferred to the Bureau of Mental Health Department of Mental Health and Corrections to carry out the purposes of this Act.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.