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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Expanding the Definition of "Mentally Ill Individual" to Permit Hospitalization of Persons Suffering from the Effects of the Use of Drugs.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2251, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2251 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

5. Mentally ill individual. "Mentally ill individual" means an individual having a psychiatric or other disease which substantially impairs his mental health. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "mentally ill individual" does not include mentally retarded or sociopathic individuals, but does include individuals suffering from the effects of the use of drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens or intoxicants, including alcohol.