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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1962,
L. D. 2502, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to
Reimbursement of Providers of Care and Treatment
other than the State."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the
enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Counseling Center is not able
to bill 3rd-party insurers because of technical and
legal restraints; and

Whereas, the Bangor Mental Health Institute
is a state facility, it cannot reimburse the
Counseling Center for any percentage of the fees
collected since the money must go back to the
State General Fund, it is essential that this Act
be passed as an emergency measure; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
these facts create an emergency within the
meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require
the following legislation as immediately necessary
for the preservation of the public peace, health
and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the
end of that part designated "§2518." the
following:

'However, this section shall not be construed as a
limitation on compensation for providers of patient
care and treatment or as a limitation on
contractual arrangements between such providers and
the State.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
when approved.'

(Filing no. A-735)

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make the Bill an emergency and to clarify the fiscal statement contained in the Bill in order to insure proper supply of professional providers of health care.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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