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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 301, L.D. 357, Bill, "AN ACT  
Creating a Mental Health Advisory Council."

Amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting clause the  
following:

'Sec. 1. 34 MRSA §2002, first sentence, as repealed and  
replaced by PL 1975, c. 755, §9, is amended to read:

The commissioner shall, with the advice of the ~~Committee-on-Mental  
Health~~ Mental Health Advisory Council, appoint and set the salary  
to the approval of the Governor ~~and-Council~~, for a Director of Mental  
Health who shall be a person with training and experience in mental  
health program administration or who has had satisfactory experience  
in the direction of work of a comparable nature.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the  
first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation  
and figure 'Sec. 2.'

Further amend the Bill in that part designated "\$2003." by  
striking out in the 4th line (same in L.D.) the underlined word  
"include" and inserting in its place the following 'consist of 30  
persons, including'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the last  
underlined paragraph before the emergency clause and inserting  
in its place the following:

'The duties of the Mental Health Advisory Council shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, acting in an advisory capacity to the commissioner in the development of the state mental health plan and in the appointment of a Director of Mental Health. The council shall meet at least quarterly.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment establishes the size of the Mental Health Advisory Council and also involves the council in the selection process for the Director of Mental Health.

Filed by Mrs. Trafton of Auburn.

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