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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1594, L.D. 1802, Bill,
"AN ACT to Create a Clients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of paragraph D of subsection 2 of that part designated "§23." and inserting in its place the following:

'D. A resident shall have the right to vote unless he is barred from voting by federal or state law.'

Further amend the Bill by adding at the end of that part designated "§23." the following:

'4. Limits on regulations. In no case shall the department adopt regulations under this chapter which would have the effect of either:

A. Closing any institution or facility which is subject to this chapter; or

B. Exceeding for any institution or facility a cost equal to the average number of clients for that institution or facility during the calendar year previous to the adoption of the regulation multiplied by \$300.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that regulations adopted by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections relating to the rights of its clients will not result either in closing any institution or facility or in an increase of cost for any one institution or facility which exceeds the average number of clients for that institution or facility

during the calendar year previous to the adoption of the regulation multiplied by \$300.

It should be noted that the committee had intended to include this provision in its new draft of the bill of rights.

The amendment also provides that a resident has the right to vote unless he is barred by federal or state law from voting.

Filed by Mr. Burns of Anson.

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