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S. P. 632

Office of the Secretary of the Senate

The Committee on Health and Institutional Services suggested. Approved for Introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Snowe of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Provide for Continued Accreditation of Bangor Mental Health Institute.

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately after July 1, 1977; 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,

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

Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

	1978-79
BANGOR MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE	
Personal Services	(37) \$448,700
All Other	1,328

Capital	325,000
Total	<u>\$775,028</u>

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide additional staffing to the Bangor Mental Health Institute so that it can continue to meet accreditation standards governing the quality and quantity of services. Without additional staffing, Bangor Mental Health Institute could lose its accreditation from such organizations as the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals and the Department of Human Services which could result in the loss of federal funds.

The program on aging needs 15 positions to meet the requirements mandated by ICF Standard. The general psychiatric program needs 8 positions in order to meet licensing requirements and more adequate care and treatment. Many of the positions here simply restore what has been eliminated through across-the-board cuts. The institute as a whole needs 14 positions. These will create an adequate staff-to-patient ratio in order to provide a comprehensive therapeutic program for all residents and meet specific Joint Hospital Accreditation Commission accreditation standards.