

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 866

S. P. 310

In Senate, February 17, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Usher of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Costs of Transporting Persons to Hospitals for the Mentally Ill.

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

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 2333, sub-§ 1, ¶ D, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 429, § 3, is amended to read:

The county in which such person is found Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall be responsible for any expenses of transportation for the person pursuant to this section, including return if admission is declined.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 2333, sub-§ 1, ¶ D, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 429, § 3, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

The department of Mental Health and Corrections and the Department of Transportation shall develop a regional plan for the transportation of mentally ill persons to the Augusta and Bangor Mental Health Centers and shall present the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services at the beginning of the second regular session of the 110th Legislature. If the plan concludes that regional transportation is not feasible, the counties shall continue to assume transportation and shall be reimbursed monthly by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for the cost of the personnel at the county's hourly rate and for actual mileage to and return to their respective counties.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Several of the persons who are transferred from the mental health centers to state institutions are transients and actually not always the responsibility of the transporting county. This should be the responsibility of the state mental health system.