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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1884

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7 H.P. 1348

House of Representatives, January 16, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

9 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered
printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rolde of York.

Cosponsored by Senator Gill of Cumberland, Representative Nelson of
Portland and Representative Rydell of Brunswick.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT to Provide Medicaid Coverage for
18 Mental Health Services for Children in
19 Certain Hospital Facilities.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 22 MRSA §3174-C is enacted to read:

24 §3174-C. Coverage for inpatient hospital mental dis-
25 ease treatment services

26 The department shall provide reimbursement, to
27 the maximum extent allowable, under the United States
28 Social Security Act, Title XIX, for inpatient care
29 and treatment of patients with mental diseases.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Maine's new psychiatric and substance abuse hospital has not been able to provide the needed mental health and substance abuse services to children because of external fiscal regulations and their own fiscal operating requirements. The Department of Human Services has expressed interest in these services, but has not acted on this interest. This bill directs the department to allow this hospital to serve children now being turned away because of no medicaid reimbursement. The hospital's rates will be comparable to similar services statewide.

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