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L.D. 1670  
(Filing No. S-441 )

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 558, L.D. 1670,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Establish a State Supplemental  
Insurance Program for Mentally Impaired Individuals."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of the title  
and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT to Establish an Interim Assistance  
Revolving Loan Fund for Mentally Impaired  
Individuals.'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking  
out all of the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 7 and 8 in  
L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-E is enacted to read:

§3174-E. Interim assistance agreement'

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Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection  
2 in the 2nd paragraph in the next to the last line  
(page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the  
following: "3174-D" and inserting in its place the  
following: '3174-E'

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
section 3 and inserting its place the following:

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'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds  
are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out

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1 the purposes of this Act.

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4 TARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

5 Supplemental Security In-  
6 come Assistance Program

7 All Other \$56,404'

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The amendment establishes an interim assistance  
10 payment program utilizing General Fund dollars. This  
11 program, currently allowed under the United States  
12 Social Security Administration policy but not  
13 implemented in this State, will be available, upon  
14 state hospital discharge, to United States  
15 Supplemental Security Income recipients whose benefits  
16 have been terminated after a 90-day hospitalization to  
17 be used for meeting basic food, clothing and housing  
18 needs until United States Supplemental Security Income  
19 payments are resumed.

20 The required agreement with the United States  
21 Social Security Administration will be implemented by  
22 the Department of Human Services. The Department of  
23 Mental Health and Mental Retardation will administer  
24 the program at each hospital.

25 The amendment appropriates \$10,000 so that United  
26 States Supplemental Security Income recipients will  
27 continue to receive the equivalent of United States  
28 Supplemental Security Income benefits, \$364 per month,  
29 for a maximum of 3 additional months while  
30 hospitalized, but only if such funds are required to  
31 maintain housing in the community.

32 The amendment also appropriates \$46,404 for  
33 interim assistance payments to individuals who were  
34 mentally impaired, then found no longer mentally  
35 impaired, but who then suffer a relapse.

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1           These funds will be returned to the State on a  
2 dollar-for-dollar basis through the interim assistance  
3 agreement outlined in this bill.

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