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L.D. 576

(Filing No. S-62)

**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 246, L.D. 576, Bill, "An Act Concerning Transportation Expenses for Former AMHI Patients"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'34-B MRSA §3863, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1985, c. 815, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall be responsible for any transportation expenses under this section, including return from the hospital if admission is declined. The department shall utilize any 3rd-party payment sources which are available.

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated increase of appropriation:

	1989-90	1990-91
All Other	\$112,500	\$150,000
	(9 months)	

If enacted, this legislation would require the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to pay for the cost of approximately 1,000 trips at \$150 per trip, which includes the cost of 2 deputies and actual transportation costs.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to be responsible for any transportation expenses incurred when a person is transported to a mental hospital on an emergency basis.