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L.D. 1252

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 467, L.D. 1252, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Medicaid Advisory Committee on Mental Health"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3189 is enacted to read:

§3189. Compensation for mental health diagnostic, screening, prevention and rehabilitation services

1. Compensation. In determining levels of reimbursement in rate structures established for community mental health provider agencies, the Department of Human Services shall:

A. Formulate payment rates for various types of care provided based on the costs attributable to each service or each category of mental health professional designated as allowed to provide reimbursable services, as determined by such standard methods as the department may establish;

B. Adjust rates accordingly, at least annually, for optimal service delivery to eligible clients;

C. Recognize the providers' reasonable costs of recruiting, training and retaining qualified staff, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and other qualified mental health professionals; and

D. Implement this section in a manner which does not result in a decrease in numbers of clients or units of service and which does result in any increased revenues remaining with the providers of service which generated these revenues.'

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L.D. 1252

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Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to  
read consecutively.

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Further amend the amendment by striking out the fiscal note  
and inserting in its place the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will  
utilize existing General Fund appropriations as seed money for  
increased Medicaid reimbursement to providers. This could reduce  
the amount of state funds provided to some but not all mental  
health care providers.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment restores a section of the original bill which  
was omitted from the committee amendment. The intended effect,  
in requiring the revision of rates, is to maximize federal  
revenues for existing services which are currently subsidized  
with state funds.

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(Senator GAUVREAU)

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