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Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray. Cosponsored by Representative PINES of Limestone, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Establish Coordination Services for People Who have Sustained Traumatic Brain Injury.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3087, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 494, 4 is amended to read:

Hospitals, physicians and neuropsychologists are-encouraged б to shall report to the bureau all persons whom they diagnose as having sustained head injuries. They are-encouraged-to shall 8 submit a report within 7 10 days of the diagnosis which-shall. 10 The report must contain, but shall is not be limited to, the The name, -- if -- released; age; and residence of the following: person; and the date and cause of the injury. No-person's-name-12 may-be-released -without-that-person's -consent-or-the-consent-of 14 the-person's-quardian-or-other-person having-legal-responsibility for--the-person. A hospital, physician or neuropsychologist who 16 submits a report under this section is not liable for any civil damages as a result of that act.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Medical Care - Payments to Providers
All Other \$38,335 \$38,335
Provides funds for the state
share of Medicaid payments
for case management services
for persons with head
injuries. Request for
proposal must be awarded to
those who are not already
providing head injury
rehabilitative services.
Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from
Federal Expenditure funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.
1991-92 1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Medical Care - Payments to Providers

All Other

Provides for the allocation of federal matching funds for case management services for persons with head injuries.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill expands the head injury registry, which is 14 ineffective due to its current voluntary nature, to a mandatory registry. A mandatory registry will provide accurate, up-to-date 16 data on the incidence of head injury. This information may be used by Legislators and state agencies as they allocate future 18 resources and ensure that needed services are provided to people of the State.

The General Fund appropriation provides for the state share of Medicaid payments for case management services for persons with head injuries. Currently, these much needed services are available to individuals with other disabilities, such as mental retardation and AIDS, but not to persons with head injuries. There is also an allocation to cover the federal share of these payments. Case management services include assessment, case planning, referrals and follow up, monitoring and evaluation.

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