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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 323, L.D. 879, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Multiple Assessments of Patients at the Augusta Mental Health Institute"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation must complete assessments by June 30, 1991; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. BB, §7, 4th sentence is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The department shall perform assessments on all patients of the Augusta Mental Health Institute by June 30, 1991 and on all patients of the Bangor Mental Health Institute by December 30, 1991. To prevent the occurrence of multiple individual assessments, these assessments must be conducted according to the terms and conditions of the consent decree issued on August 2,

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2 1990 by the Superior Court, Kennebec County, in Civil Action
3 Docket No. 89-88.'

4 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of
5 fact the following:

6 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
7 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

10 FISCAL NOTE

11 The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will
12 absorb the costs associated with patient assessments at the
13 Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health
14 Institute within budgeted resources.
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18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The amendment gives the Department of Mental Health and
20 Mental Retardation additional time to complete the patient
21 assessments.
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23 The amendment also adds an emergency preamble, an emergency
24 clause and a fiscal note to the bill.
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Reported by Senator Conley for the Committee on Human Resources.
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