

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 323

In Senate, February 28, 1991

Submitted by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Representative DAGGETT of Augusta and Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Prevent Multiple Assessments of Patients at the Augusta  
Mental Health Institute.**

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

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 BB, §7, 4th sentence** is repealed and  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

6 The department shall provide assessments for no fewer than 40  
8 patients at the Augusta Mental Health Institute no later than  
10 October 31, 1990, and perform assessments on all patients of both  
12 the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health  
Institute by March 1, 1991. These assessments must be conducted  
according to the terms and conditions of the consent decree to  
prevent the occurrence of multiple individual assessments.

14 \* **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to July  
16 1, 1989.

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill ensures that the Department of Mental Health and  
22 Mental Retardation will provide assessments of patients at the  
24 Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health  
26 Institute in the time frames identified by Public Law 1989,  
28 chapter 501, Part BB, section 7, and that such assessments will  
comply with the terms and conditions of the consent decree.  
These provisions protect patients from multiple assessments while  
meeting the terms of the consent decree. The bill applies  
retroactively to the effective date of Public Law 1989, chapter  
501.