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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1064, L.D. 1553, Bill, "An Act to Provide Equitable Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5-B in the last paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January" and inserting in its place the following: 'October'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 9 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, lines 41 and 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January 1, 1984" and inserting in its place the following: 'January-1,-1984 October 1, 1992'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 5-B in the last paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January" and inserting in its place the following: 'October'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 8 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 2, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January 1, 1984" and inserting in its place the following: 'January-1,-1984 October 1, 1992'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in the first line (page 2, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January" and inserting in its place the following: 'October'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

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Removing maximum limitations on certain inpatient and outpatient mental health services and requiring services to be paid at a minimum of 80% may increase the number of services performed or the length of treatment. The resulting increase of costs to the State Employee Health Insurance Program could range from approximately \$1,600,000 annually with moderate usage increases to \$3,800,000 if service utilization doubles. General Fund appropriations based on this range of \$1,011,000 to \$2,344,000 annually would be required.

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The additional local costs from increased municipal health insurance coverage represent a state mandate that must be reimbursed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5684. The General Fund appropriations required to reimburse these costs can not be estimated at this time.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment changes the effective date to October 1, 1992. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Banking and Insurance  
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House  
1/30/92 (Filing No. H-883)