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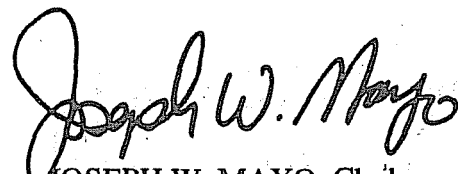
H.P. 1174

House of Representatives, July 1, 1993

An Act to Provide Funds for Community Mental Health Services.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach, President DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AHEARNE of Madawaska, BEAM of Lewiston, BOWERS of Washington, BRENNAN of Portland, CARROLL of Gray, CASHMAN of Old Town, CATHCART of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEMENT of Clinton, COLES of Harpswell, CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor, DAGGETT of Augusta, DORE of Auburn, DRISCOLL of Calais, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FARNSWORTH of Hallowell, FITZPATRICK of Durham, GEAN of Alfred, HICHBORN of Howland, HOGLUND of Portland, JOHNSON of South Portland, JOSEPH of Waterville, KETTERER of Madison, LARRIVEE of Gorham, MICHAUD of East Millinocket, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, PINEAU of Jay, PINETTE of Fort Kent, POULIOT of Lewiston, RAND of Portland, RICHARDSON of Portland, ROWE of Portland, RYDELL of Brunswick, SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth, SULLIVAN of Bangor, TARDY of Palmyra, TOWNSEND of Portland, TOWNSEND of Canaan, TRACY of Rome, TREAT of Gardiner, WALKER of Blue Hill, WENTWORTH of Arundel, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, ESTY of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec, O'DEA of Penobscot.

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

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6 Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the
beginning of the next fiscal year; and

8 Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the
operation of state departments and institutions will become due
and payable immediately; and

12 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,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1866-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1991, c.
819, §11, is further amended to read:

22 **2. Unclaimed deposits.** Except for initiators of deposit
24 under section 1863-A, subsection 1, each deposit initiator shall
pay to the Treasurer of State on or before the 20th day of March,
26 June, September and December an amount equal to 50% 90% of the
unclaimed minimum deposits held by the deposit initiator. The
28 remaining unclaimed minimum deposits, any other unclaimed
deposits and any income earned on deposits become the property of
30 the distributor on the day payment is made to the Treasurer of
State. Deposit initiators under section 1863-A, subsection 1
32 shall retain all unclaimed deposits. Funds received by the
Treasurer of State under this subsection become the property of
34 the State and An amount equal to 50% of the unclaimed deposits
must be deposited in the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund
36 established in Title 38, section 2201 and the remainder must be
deposited in the General Fund.

38 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
40 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

| | 1993-94 | 1994-95 |
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| 44 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL | | |
| 46 RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| 48 Mental Health Services - | | |
| Community | | |

2 All Other \$600,000 \$600,000
 4 Provides for the
 6 appropriation of funds to
 8 partially offset an
 10 across-the-board reduction
 12 contained in Public Law 1993,
 14 chapter 410, Part B, section
 16 1.

12 **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
 AND MENTAL RETARDATION**
 14 **TOTAL** \$600,000 \$600,000

16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
 18 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.*

18 **FISCAL NOTE**

20 1993-94 1994-95
 22 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

24 General Fund \$600,000 \$600,000

26 **REVENUES**

28 General Fund \$600,000 \$600,000

30 This bill will increase revenues to the General Fund. The
 32 increase is estimated to be \$600,000 in each of the fiscal years
 1993-94 and 1994-95.

34 In addition, the bill appropriates \$600,000 for each of the
 36 fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95 for Community Mental Health
 38 Services in the Department of Mental Health and Mental
 Retardation.

40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 This bill increases from 50% to 90% the portion of unclaimed
 44 deposits under the bottle bill that must be paid to the Treasurer
 46 of State. The additional portion would be deposited in the
 General Fund. The Maine Waste Management Agency would continue
 to receive 50% of the unclaimed deposits, as under current law.

48 The resulting savings are used to restore funds to community
 50 mental health services.