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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1110, L.D. 1558, Bill, "An
22 Act to Deregulate the Costs and Revenues Associated with Acute
Care Provided to Involuntarily Committed Patients within the
Hospital Care Finance System"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and
inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §396-D, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
28 579, §10, is amended to read:

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A. In determining payment year financial requirements, the
commission shall consider the reasonable expected impact on
the hospital's financial requirements of changes in the
volume of services required to be provided by the hospital.
34 During any time that payments to hospitals are made under
36 the federal disproportionate share to hospitals formula, the
commission shall exclude the cost of services provided to
involuntarily committed patients.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will
require additional General Fund appropriations to support the
46 cost of community-based hospitalizations. The exact amounts can
not be determined at this time, as they will depend on the
48 specific provisions of each contract and on the amount of funding
available to support these new costs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 The Governor's proposed supplemental, Part 2, budget
4 includes \$500,000, annually, in fiscal year 1995-96 and fiscal
6 year 1996-97 to this purpose. The Governor's current services
budget also includes funding for diversionary services, some of
which may be available to support these new costs.

8 The additional costs to adopt rules can be absorbed by the
10 Maine Health Care Finance Commission utilizing existing budgeted
resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This amendment amends the provision on consideration of
18 hospital financial requirements. During any time that payments
to hospitals are made under the federal disproportionate share to
20 hospitals formula, it requires the Maine Health Care Finance
Commission to exclude the cost of services provided to
involuntarily committed patients. It adds a fiscal note to the
bill.