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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Reported by: Senator Paradis

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 495, L.D. 1526, Bill, "An Act to Redefine the Community Services of the Mental Health System"

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of paragraph D-1 and inserting in its place the following:

'D-1. "Major mental illness" means a diagnosis of mental illness as defined by the department. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "Sec. 11." in the 3rd line from the end (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Missouri and"

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with adopting rules to define major mental illness and to expand certain planning and reporting requirements can be absorbed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

The bill requires the mental health system quality improvement councils to put together plans for the delivery of

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2 services to adults and children with major mental illness. It
requires the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation
4 and Substance Abuse Services to report by January 1, 1998 on
recommendations and legislation that would be necessary to
6 provide services to adults and children with major mental
illness. This amendment replaces the definition of major mental
8 illness with a definition to be adopted by the department. It
deletes a reference in the study of service delivery systems to
the laws of Missouri. It adds a fiscal note to the bill.