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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1543, L.D. 2170, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation"

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Amend the amendment in section 5 in the 7th to 10th lines (page 3, lines 1 to 4 in amendment) by striking out the following: "provide funding for direct care workers to be paid an hourly wage of at least \$7.99 per hour and for direct care workers who are paid hourly wages of over \$7.99 to receive a 3% cost-of-living increase." and inserting in its place the following: 'provide a cost-of-living adjustment for direct care workers within the limitations of funding provided in this Act.'

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Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

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'Sec. 6. PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. GG is repealed.

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Sec. 7. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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1998-99

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**MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

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Medicaid Services - Mental Retardation

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All Other \$164,050

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Provides funds for a salary increase for certain staff who work in nonintermediate care facilities.

2 **Mental Retardation Services - Community**

4 All Other 85,950

6 Provides funds for a salary increase for
8 certain staff who work in nonintermediate
care facilities.

10 **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
12 MENTAL RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE
14 ABUSE SERVICES
16 TOTAL**

\$250,000

18 **Sec. 8. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

20 **1998-99**

22 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

26 All Other \$322,891

28 Provides funds for the federal share of a
salary increase for certain staff who work
in nonintermediate care facilities.'

30 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
32 consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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38 This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by
\$2,295,282 in fiscal year 1998-99. It provides General Fund
40 appropriations totalling \$250,000 and a Federal Expenditure Fund
allocation of \$322,891 to provide a cost-of-living increase for
42 certain direct care workers. It also includes a repeal of Public
Law 1997, chapter 643, Part GG, which will result in a General
44 Fund deappropriation of \$100,000 from the University of Maine
System. Part GG provided funding to the University of Maine at
46 Fort Kent to construct and relocate a facility for forestry and
conservation programs.

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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1543,
L.D. 2170

SUMMARY

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4 This amendment repeals the authority of the University of
6 Maine at Fort Kent to lease land on which to build a facility for
8 forestry and environmental programs and further repeals the
10 appropriation of \$100,000 made in Public Law 1997, chapter 643
12 for this purpose.

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10 This amendment increases the General Fund appropriation for
12 salary increases for certain staff in the Department of Mental
14 Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

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16 SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator BENNETT)

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COUNTY: Oxford

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