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119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

Legislative Document

No. 2513

S.P. 964

In Senate, January 24, 2000

An Act to Adopt Recommendations of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for the Elderly Related to the Mental Health Service Needs of the Elderly.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative: WILLIAMS of Orono.

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

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CONCEPT DRAFT

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SUMMARY

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

In the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services requested that the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services work with the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for the Elderly to study the provision of mental health services to the elderly and report its findings to the joint standing committee by January 1, 2000. Specifically, the joint standing committee requested that the departments and the advisory committee review the mental health service needs of the elderly, the extent to which services are available and unavailable and any information on disparities in unmet need by geographic region, service setting or residential setting of the older person.

This bill proposes to implement the recommendations of the departments and the advisory committee.