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H.P. 1162

House of Representatives, March 13, 2001

An Act to Update the Name of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Submitted by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and

Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUDLEY of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, FULLER of Manchester, NUTTING of Oakland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, SHIELDS of Auburn, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1201, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §7 and amended by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. K, §82 and affected by §83, is further amended to read:

There is established a ~~Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services~~ Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.

Sec. 2. Transition. The following provisions apply to the reassignment of the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.

1. The Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services is the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions transferred under this Act and formerly held by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

2. All rules, regulations and procedures of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services in effect upon the effective date of this Act remain in effect until rescinded, revised or amended.

3. All contracts, agreements and compacts of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services in effect upon the effective date of this Act remain in effect until they expire or are altered by the parties involved in the contracts, agreements or compacts.

4. Any positions authorized and allocated, subject to the personnel laws, to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services are transferred to the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services and may continue to be authorized.

5. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services become, on the effective date of this Act, the property of the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.

Sec. 3. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause. Wherever in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services" appear or reference is made to those words or that department, they are amended to read and mean "Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services" or that department, and the Revisor

2 of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating,
publishing or republishing the statutes.

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SUMMARY

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8 This bill changes the name of the Department of Mental
Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the
Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services.