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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 780, L.D. 1986, Bill, "An Act To Expand the Pool of Qualified Mental Health Examiners for Purposes of Involuntary Treatment"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in subparagraph 1-A in the last line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", advanced practice registered nurse"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative 0063

Initiative: Deappropriates funds in fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 rendered unnecessary by expansion of the pool of less expensive professionals eligible to perform examinations and provide medication in cases of involuntary treatment of mental health patients.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> (\$40,000)	<hr/> (\$40,000)

SUMMARY

This amendment removes from the bill the broad category of advanced practice registered nurses as persons who may perform mental health examinations for involuntary treatment orders at the time of a court proceeding on involuntary commitment under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3864, subsection 7-A. The

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 780, L.D. 1986

1 amendment retains as examiners licensed physicians, licensed clinical psychologists,
2 certified nurse practitioners and registered physician assistants. The amendment adds a
3 deappropriation section.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
5 (See attached)



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1986

LR 3202(02)

An Act To Expand the Pool of Qualified Mental Health Examiners for Purposes of Involuntary Treatment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation expands the pool of those eligible to perform examinations for involuntary treatment of mental health patients to professionals who cost less than licensed physicians. This will allow General Fund deappropriations to the Judicial Department of \$40,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2007-08. The money had previously been necessitated by passage of Public Law 2007, chapter 446 which had effectively required a licensed physician to provide medication.