

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 774, L.D. 1914, "An Act to Enact the  
Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin  
Services Program in Maine'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study  
Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine, referred to in this resolve  
as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule  
353, the commission consists of 13 members as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a  
member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats  
in the Legislature;

3. Four public members, one who is a psychologist licensed under the Maine Revised  
Statutes, Title 32, chapter 56 who has professional experience providing behavioral health  
services, one who is a physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 48, one who is a military  
veteran and one who has professional expertise conducting scientific research regarding  
the use of psychedelic compounds in clinical therapy, appointed by the President of the  
Senate;

4. Four public members, one who is a naturopathic doctor licensed under the Maine  
Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 113-B, one who has expertise in the field of public health  
and has a background in academia, one who has experience in the field of psychedelic-  
related harm reduction and one who has expertise in implementing state policies that

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1 facilitate affordable state-regulated access to psychedelic healing, appointed by the Speaker  
2 of the House; and

3 5. One member representing the Office of the Governor.

4 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair  
5 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
6 commission.

7 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
8 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
9 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
10 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,  
11 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more  
12 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been  
13 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for  
14 the commission to meet and conduct its business.

15 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission is  
16 authorized to meet 6 times and shall:

17 1. Review available medical, psychological and scientific studies, research and other  
18 information on the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating behavioral health  
19 conditions, including, but not limited to, substance use disorder, depression, anxiety  
20 disorders and end-of-life psychological distress;

21 2. Review efforts by other states to adopt a legal framework for the therapeutic use of  
22 psychedelic drugs, including, but not limited to, psilocybin;

23 3. Review previously proposed language related to establishing a legal framework for  
24 the therapeutic use of psychedelic drugs, including, but not limited to, psilocybin, and  
25 related materials prepared in the course of the Legislature's consideration of such proposals;

26 4. Determine the steps the State would need to take in order to establish and maintain  
27 a legal framework for the therapeutic use of psychedelic drugs, including, but not limited  
28 to, psilocybin, in the State;

29 5. Develop a long-term strategic plan for creating a psilocybin services program and  
30 for ensuring that psilocybin services become and remain a safe, accessible and affordable  
31 therapeutic option for all persons who are 21 years of age or older and for whom psilocybin  
32 services may be appropriate; and

33 6. Advise and make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans  
34 and Legal Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
35 regarding a legal framework for the therapeutic use of psychedelic drugs, including, but  
36 not limited to, psilocybin.

37 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide  
38 necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support  
39 is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

40 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than November 6, 2024, the commission  
41 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested  
42 legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

1 and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The joint standing  
2 committees may report out a bill based upon the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.'

3 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
4 number to read consecutively.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve establishes the  
7 Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 (See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1914

LR 311(02)

An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-658)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

### Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 in fiscal year 2024-25. The Legislature's budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$38,909 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Office of the Governor associated with participating in a study commission are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.