

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, April 19, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence  
and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Rogerson of Aroostook.

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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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#### **AN ACT to Create a State Committee on Mental Health.**

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

**Sec. 1. A State Committee on Mental Health created.** The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a committee of 7 members, consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Department of Health and Welfare, and 4 representative citizens, and shall designate the Chairman.

**Sec. 2. Duties of the Committee.** The State Committee on Mental Health shall continue the study of Mental Health in Maine begun by the Maine Citizens Committee on the Survey of State Government. It shall provide leadership and stimulation, at the state level, for the many organizations that are interested in the problems of mental health. It shall report to the Governor and Members of the 99th Legislature not later than January 1, 1959.

**Sec. 3. Authority to appoint subcommittees.** The State Committee on Mental Health is hereby authorized to organize subcommittees to assist in carrying out the provisions of section 2.

**Sec. 4. Time of meetings; expenses.** Said Committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the Chairman, not less than 6 times during the biennium. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 to the said Commit-

tee, to be expended in the promotion of its objectives and in payment of necessary office work and material and necessary expenses of the Committee. Such appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1959.