

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 490

In Senate, May 12, 1959

Reported by Senator Duquette of York from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Providing for Mental Health Services.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, §§ 94-A - 94-C, additional.** Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections, to be numbered 94-A to 94-C, to read as follows:

**'Bureau of Mental Health.**

**Sec. 94-A. Bureau of Mental Health; purpose.** There is created within the Department of Institutional Service a Bureau of Mental Health.

The Bureau of Mental Health shall be responsible for the direction of the mental health programs in the institutions within the Department and shall be responsible for the promotion and guidance of mental health programs within the several communities of the State.

**Sec. 94-B. Director; duties.** The commissioner shall appoint, subject to the provisions of the Personnel Law, a Director of Mental Health. The director shall be a qualified psychiatrist with administration and organization experience and ability.

It shall be the duty of the director to carry out the purposes of the bureau.

**Sec. 94-C. Advisory Committee on Mental Health; duties.** The Governor shall appoint a committee on mental health to consist of 9 members and appoint the chairman. Of the first appointments 3 shall be appointed for one year, 3 for 2 years and 3 for 3 years. Thereafter appointments shall be made for 3

years. In order to insure a broad contact with the problems of the municipalities in the State, the committee shall be composed of members whose chief employment is outside of State Government.

The duties shall be to assist in carrying out the purposes of the Bureau of Mental Health.'

**Sec. 2. Amendatory clause.** Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes shall be changed to "Department of Mental Health and Corrections." Wherever in the Revised Statutes or in the public laws the words "Department of Institutional Service" or "Commissioner of Institutional Service" appear, they shall mean "Department of Mental Health and Corrections" or "Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections."

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$32,641 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$31,320 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 to carry out the purposes of this act.

The breakdown of the above appropriations shall be as follows:

	1959-60	1960-61
Personal Services	\$22,691	\$23,020
All Other	8,100	8,100
Capital Expenditures	1,850	200
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	\$32,641	\$31,320