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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective January 4, 1991.

CHAPTER 6

S.P. 70 - L.D. 126

An Act to Allow the Systems Assessment Commission to Extend Reporting Deadlines

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Systems Assessment Commission was established by Public Law 1989, chapter 501, Part BB, section 8; and

Whereas, the commission was to submit a report to the 115th Legislature by December 15, 1990; and

Whereas, the commission needs additional time to prepare its final report; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. BB, §8, ¶G, as amended by PL 1989, c. 894, §1, is further amended to read:

G. The commission has the following duties.

(1) The commission, with the assistance of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Superintendent of the Augusta Mental Health Institute, the Superintendent of the Bangor Mental Health Institute and any other agency or department of State Government, shall develop a long-range plan for the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute. The plan shall include consideration of the creation of a smaller acute care facility or facilities to take the place of the current facilities and any other option for humane, safe and cost-effective delivery of services to Maine's mentally ill citizens. Following the development of a long-range plan for the Augusta Mental Health Institute, the commission shall develop a plan for the Bangor Mental Health Institute. Any plans developed shall also include an assessment of the need for and delivery of community services, including consider-

ation of the drafting of model legislation governing the delivery of mental health services statewide. The commission shall coordinate with the Bureau of Public Improvements, the State House and Capitol Park Commission and the Supreme Judicial Court Plan and Design Commission in the development of its plans for the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

(2) The commission shall issue a preliminary report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources no later than January 15, 1990. Copies of this report shall be sent to the Maine Commission on Mental Health, legislative leadership, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and to the Governor. The plan shall include a preliminary assessment of the issue. The commission shall include any necessary adjustments to its budget which reflect anticipated costs for contracts and other services necessary for the development of the long-range plan. A final report shall be issued to the 115th Legislature no later than ~~December 15, 1990~~ February 28, 1991. This report shall include a complete plan for the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute, including a full assessment of an alternative facility or facilities, community resources which are needed, costs, time frames and necessary implementing legislation.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to December 15, 1990.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective January 29, 1991.

CHAPTER 7

S.P. 93 - L.D. 178

An Act to Authorize Flag Plates on Motor Vehicles

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is an ongoing conflict in the Middle East; and

Whereas, the citizens of Maine are seeking ways to show support for the men and women of the armed services in the Persian Gulf region; and