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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 801, L.D. 1989, “An Act to Increase Access to the Progressive Treatment Program Fund”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

**Whereas,** progressive treatment programs are vital tools in helping individuals with serious mental illness remain in a community setting; and

**Whereas,** legal fees for initiating and extending progressive treatment programs are a barrier for many individuals; and

**Whereas,** the Progressive Treatment Program Fund is a dedicated fund to assist individuals who are filing an application for a progressive treatment program with paying for associated legal expenses; and

**Whereas,** the current individual cap in funding continues to result in underuse of the fund; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect as soon as possible in order to address these issues; 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,'

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

**Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3873-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 745, §1, is amended to read:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

