

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 184

House of Representatives, January 12, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Increase the Licensing Fee for Games of Chance.

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

17 MRSA § 339, sub-§ 2, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 350, § 11, is amended to read:

Except as provided in subsection 3, the fee for a license to operate a game of chance shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10 for each week computed on a Monday to Sunday basis or portion thereof. The license may be issued for a calendar month for a fee of ~~\$20~~ \$40.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill raises the fee for a game of chance license for all licenses from \$5 to \$10. When the games of chance statutes were first enacted in 1973, the fee for a license was \$5. Rising costs for administration and enforcement since 1973 necessitate the increase in the fee. This bill would generate additional state revenue of approximately \$40,000 annually.