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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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SENATE AMENDMENT **B** to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1700, L.D. 2200, "Resolve, to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino on the Economy, Transportation Infrastructure, State Revenues and the Job Market"

Amend the amendment on page 1 by striking out all of lines 26 to 44 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 18 members as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one member from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters, one from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over gaming matters and one from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. One member must be a tribal representative, one must be from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters and one must be from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over gaming matters;

Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 1, lines 50 to 52 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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2 '4. Two members of the public opposed to a Maine-based
4 casino, one who should possess some experience, expertise or
6 knowledge of the causes, treatment or prevention of problem or
8 pathological gambling, the providing of services to assist
10 affected individuals and their families or the education of the
12 public to increase its awareness of the disorders and available
gamblers assistance programs appointed by the President of the
Senate and one who is charged with examining the religious,
spiritual and moral impacts of casino gambling appointed by the
Speaker of the House;'

14 Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all
of subsection 12, (page 2, lines 23 to 25 in amendment) and
16 inserting in its place the following:

18 '12. The Executive Director of the Maine Harness Racing
Commission or the executive director's designee.

20 A quorum is 12 members; and be it further'

22 Further amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of
24 the first indented paragraph after subsection 12 (page 2, lines
27 to 29 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

26 'Further amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all
of subsections 2 and 3 (page 1, lines 49 and 50 and page 2, lines
28 2 and 3 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

30 '2. Verify the amount of estimated revenues produced by a
32 casino, net costs of additional social services and the impact of
those revenues and costs on the State;

34 3. Estimate the number of new jobs created and lost due to
the construction and operation of a Maine-based casino;'

36 Further amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of
38 the 2nd subsections 6 and 7 (page 2, lines 41 to 48 in amendment)
and inserting in their place the following:

40 '6. Identify appropriate locations for a casino if one is
42 to be operated in the State;

44 7. Estimate the impact of a Maine-based casino on municipal
46 services, social services, affordable housing, business activity
and criminal activity within a 50-mile radius of a proposed
48 casino and the impact on other forms of gambling that are legally
conducted in the State; and

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8. Survey the various agencies, groups, organizations and individuals to determine which agencies, groups, organizations and individuals would provide education, assistance and counseling to individuals and families experiencing difficulties as the result of problem or pathological gambling and to determine the necessary funding for those that have demonstrated their capacity to efficiently and effectively provide the necessary services; and be it further'

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the duties of the task force by requiring the task force to survey various agencies that would provide services to individuals experiencing difficulties as a result of gambling and to determine the necessary funding to provide those services. The amendment also requires the task force to examine the net costs of additional social services and the impact of those costs on the State and also to estimate the number of jobs created or lost due to operation of a casino. It changes the distance from a 25-mile radius to a 50-mile radius in which to estimate the impact of a casino to a municipality. It defines a quorum as 12 members.

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