

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 642

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 472, L.D. 642, Bill, "An Act To Ensure the Economic Viability of the Harness Racing Industry"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Amend the Laws Governing High-stakes Beano'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:**

5-A. Games not on tribal land. Notwithstanding subsection 5, upon proper application and with approval by the local government of the municipality in which the high-stakes beano is to be conducted, the Chief of the State Police may issue a high-stakes beano license to operate games on non-Indian Territory to any federally recognized Maine tribe if:

A. On January 1, 2004 the tribe was eligible to conduct high-stakes beano on Indian Territory as described in Title 30, section 6205 but was not operating high-stakes beano; and

B. The location of the games is within 45 miles of the eligible tribe's Indian Territory and is at least 75 miles from the land of any other tribe conducting high-stakes beano.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the bill and authorizes the Chief of the State Police to issue a license to conduct high-stakes beano on non-Indian Territory to a federally recognized Maine tribe that is currently eligible but not operating high-stakes beano. The location of the games must be within 45 miles of the tribe's land and at least 75 miles from the land of any other tribe conducting high-stakes beano. This amendment is not intended to allow the operation of games on land owned by the Passamaquoddy tribe in Albany Township.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 642**

**An Act To Ensure the Economic Viability of the Harness Racing Industry**

**LR1200(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
<b>Net Cost (Savings):</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

**Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements**

This bill may increase civil violations filed in the court system for certain beano violations and decrease the number of civil violations for operating beano without a license. No net judicial change.

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Authorizing the Department of Public Safety to issue a certain license for the operation of high stakes beano games will result in an annual revenue increase of \$50,000 to the General Fund beginning in fiscal year 2004-05.