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H.P. 876

House of Representatives, March 6, 2003

**An Act To Require the Owner or Operator of a Casino To Improve
or Replace Utilities and Infrastructure in the Vicinity of the Casino**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINS of Wells.
Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo and
Representatives: ASH of Belfast, GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, GERZOFKY of Brunswick,
McGOWAN of Pittsfield, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, SUSLOVIC of Portland,
TWOMEY of Biddeford, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

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Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §348 is enacted to read:

§348. Responsibility of owner or operator of facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted for utilities and infrastructure

An owner or operator of a facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted is responsible for the costs to improve or replace utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer and electrical service, and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, roads, intersections and highway exits, located within a 25-mile radius of the facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted. The decision whether to improve or replace utilities or infrastructure located within a 25-mile radius of the facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted must be made by the legislative body of the municipality in which the utilities or infrastructure is located. For purposes of this section, "casino-style gambling" means gambling conducted by a person, corporation, group or other entity as a for-profit business that includes games such as blackjack or roulette, slot machines or video lotteries.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that an owner or operator of a facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted is responsible for the costs to improve or replace utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer and electrical service, and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, roads, intersections and highway exits, located within a 25-mile radius of the facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted.