

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 770

House of Representatives, March 1, 2005

### **An Act To Protect Children Left Unattended at Gambling Establishments**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CURLEY of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator ANDREWS of York and  
Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1037** is enacted to read:

6 **§1037. Parking lot monitoring**

8 A slot machine operator must monitor, on an hourly basis  
10 during operating hours, any parking facility serving the licensed  
12 premises to ensure that no child under 16 years of age has been  
14 left unattended in any vehicle parked in such facility.  
16 Monitoring under this section means visual inspection of the  
18 premises by persons employed by the slot machine operator.

20 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1054, sub-§§8 and 9**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.  
22 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, are amended to read:

24 **8. Failure to deposit funds.** Violates section 1036,  
26 subsection 2; ~~or~~

28 **9. Failure to grant access to premises, equipment and**  
30 **records.** Violates section 1042; and

32 **Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1054, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

34 **10. Child endangerment.** Violates section 1037, and a child  
36 under 16 years of age has been left unattended for more than 2  
hours in a parked vehicle on the premises of the slot machine  
operator.

**SUMMARY**

This bill seeks to prevent the endangerment of children by requiring slot machine operators to conduct regular visual monitoring of their parking lots to ensure that children under 16 years of age have not been left unattended and establishes criminal penalties for failure to provide such monitoring.