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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 788, L.D. 1145, Bill, "An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming and Gaming by Nonprofits"

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

'An Act To Allow Tournament Games for Charitable Purposes'

Further 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 §333-A is enacted to read:

§333-A. Tournament games

The Chief of the State Police may issue a license to conduct tournament games as provided in this section to an organization eligible to conduct beano and games of chance. For purposes of this section, "tournament games" are games of chance played using a deck of cards with rules similar to poker or other card games. The Chief of the State Police may not issue a tournament game license to an organization more than once every 2 months.

1. Application. An organization must submit an application to the Chief of the State Police on a form provided by the Chief of the State Police. The application must specify one or more charitable organizations that the proceeds of the tournament are intended to benefit. For the purposes of this section, "charitable organization" means any person or entity, including any person or entity in a foreign state, that is or purports to

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2 be organized or operated for any charitable purpose or that
3 solicits, accepts or obtains contributions from the public for
4 any charitable, educational, humane or patriotic purpose.

6 2. License fee. The license fee for a tournament game
7 license is \$5 per tournament player.

8 3. Tournament. The organization licensed to conduct a
9 tournament game shall display the rules of the game and the
10 license issued to conduct the tournament. The maximum number of
11 players allowed is 100. Winners are determined by a process of
12 elimination. The use of currency is prohibited as part of
13 tournament play. The maximum entry fee to play in the tournament
14 is \$100, except the organization may add \$5 to the entry fee to
15 defray the cost of the license application. Only one entry fee is
16 permitted per person. A tournament must be completed in 48
17 hours. Other games of chance are prohibited, except for lucky
18 seven or similar sealed tickets.

20 4. Proceeds. Seventy-five percent of the entry fees must
21 be paid as prizes to the winners of the tournament. Of the money
22 remaining after the payment of prizes, 75% must be distributed to
23 the charitable organization or organizations listed on the
24 application pursuant to this section.

26 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
27 appropriations and allocations are made.

28 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**
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30 **LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT 0712**

31 Initiative: Appropriates funds for one Detective position, one
32 Public Safety Inspector I position, one Clerk Typist III position
33 and operating funds necessary to regulate tournament games.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
38 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
39 Personal Services	\$171,924	\$213,138
40 All Other	\$50,273	\$43,692
42 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$222,197	\$256,830'

44 **SUMMARY**

46 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The
47 amendment authorizes the Chief of the State Police to issue
48 tournament licenses to organizations eligible to conduct beano

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and games of chance. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds after the payment of prizes must go to a charity designated in the application submitted to the Chief of the State Police. An organization is limited to one license every 2 months. The maximum entry fee is \$100 and the maximum number of players is 100. The license fee is \$5 per tournament player.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LR 0833(02)

An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming and Gaming by Nonprofits

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

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$377,803)	(\$343,170)	(\$325,341)	(\$335,470)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$222,197	\$256,830	\$274,659	\$264,5
Revenue				
General Fund	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The authorization of certain organizations to conduct tournament games will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$222,197 and \$256,830 in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07, respectively, to the Department of Public Safety for the cost of regulating the newly authorized gaming.

Beginning in fiscal year 2005-06, the establishment of tournament game license fees will generate an annual estimated increase of \$600,000 in General Fund revenue.