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L.D. 1879
(Filing No. H-792)

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1311, L.D. 1879, Bill, "An Act To Allow Additional Slot Machines at a Harness Horse Racing Track To Support Harness Horse Racing, Passenger and Freight Train Service on the Mountain Division Rail Line and Passenger Train Service Overseen by the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority"

Amend the bill in section 3, in subchapter 7, in §1071, in subsection 1 in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 21 and 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "an entity that operates an agricultural fair and that operated such a fair in 2006 or"

SUMMARY

This amendment removes agricultural fairs from those eligible to operate slot machines along the Mountain Division rail line. This change clarifies that operators of commercial tracks are eligible to apply for a license to operate slot machines along the Mountain Division rail line whether it be in conjunction with an existing or newly constructed commercial track.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1879

LR 2462(02)

An Act To Allow Additional Slot Machines at a Harness Horse Racing Track To Support Harness Horse Racing, Passenger and Freight Train Service on the Mountain Division Rail Line and Passenger Train Service Overseen by the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

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

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
 Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund
 Potential future biennium revenue increase - General Fund
 Potential future biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-08	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions increase the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation allows an entity that is licensed to operate a commercial track and that operated such a track in 2006 to apply for a license to operate up to 1,500 slot machines. The slot machines may be operated only in areas through which runs the railroad line from Portland to the New Hampshire border overseen by the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority or the railroad line which runs from Portland to Westbrook, Gorham, Standish and Fryeburg to the New Hampshire border, known as the Mountain Division rail line. It is subject to approval by the voters at referendum, and it is also subject to municipal approval. Assuming approval by the voters and by the municipality, and assuming start up during fiscal year 2009-10 with 475 slot machines (consistent with the existing racino in Bangor), General Fund revenues could be increased in fiscal year 2009-10 by approximately \$3,500,000, and Other Special Revenue Funds revenues by approximately \$7,000,000. General Fund costs related to oversight by the Gambling Control Board in 2009-10 would increase by approximately \$300,000.