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House of Representatives, January 21, 2009

An Act Regarding the Conducting of Games of Chance by Nonprofit Organizations

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, BRYANT of Windham, CLARK of Millinocket,
GILBERT of Jay, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, ROBINSON of Raymond, WHEELER of
Kittery, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §332, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Local chapters of statewide organizations.** Notwithstanding the provisions of
4 this chapter, the Chief of the State Police may once annually issue a license to operate a
5 game of chance to a local chapter of a statewide nonprofit organization if that statewide
6 nonprofit organization is eligible for a license in accordance with subsection 1, as long as
7 the statewide nonprofit organization has filed a copy of its bylaws and a list of all the
8 local chapters of the statewide nonprofit organization with the Chief of the State Police.
9 To be eligible for a game of chance license under this subsection, the statewide nonprofit
10 organization must provide to the Chief of the State Police, no less than 60 days prior to
11 the local chapter's conducting a game of chance, the name of the local chapter and the
12 names of the local chapter's officers. Within 5 days of conducting a game of chance in
13 accordance with this subsection, the local chapter shall provide the Chief of the State
14 Police the date and location where games of chance will be conducted.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that a local chapter of a statewide nonprofit organization that
17 wishes to conduct a game of chance need only provide the date and location where the
18 game of chance will be conducted. The statewide nonprofit organization must provide a
19 copy of its bylaws, a list of all local chapters, the name of the local chapter wishing to
20 conduct a game of chance and the names of the officers of the local chapter in order for
21 the local chapter to be eligible for a game of chance license with these reduced
22 requirements.