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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 925, L.D. 1298, Bill, "An Act To Authorize the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino in Aroostook County"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1018, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 699, §2, is amended to read:

1-A. Fees for slot machine and casino operator licenses on or after September 1, 2012. Notwithstanding subsection 1, paragraphs C and C-1, beginning September 1, 2012, an applicant for a slot machine operator license or a casino operator license must pay a \$250,000 nonrefundable privilege fee to be submitted with the application for the license and a minimum license fee, or cash bid if the license is part of a competitive bidding process established by law, of \$5,000,000. This subsection does not apply to a casino licensed for operation in the State as of September 1, 2012. Notwithstanding this subsection, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians must pay a \$250,000 nonrefundable privilege fee to be submitted with an application for a casino operator license pursuant to section 1011, subsection 2-C and a license fee of \$5,000,000.

Amend the amendment in section 9 in paragraph A in the last line (page 3, line 17 in amendment) by striking out the following: "3,750" and inserting the following: '3,500'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 9 the following:

Sec. 10. 8 MRSA §1020, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by IB 2009, c. 2, §37, is further amended to read:

B. A slot machine operator may not operate more than 1,500 slot machines at any one commercial track ~~and~~, a casino operator may not operate more than 1,500 slot machines at a casino and a casino operator licensed under section 1101, subsection 2-C may not operate more than 500 slot machines.

Sec. 11. 8 MRSA §1021, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Limit. A casino operator licensed under section 1101, subsection 2-C may not operate more than 5 registered table games.

1 Amend the amendment in section 11 in subsection 2-D in the 3rd line (page 4, line 36
2 in amendment) by striking out the following: "35%" and inserting the following: '40%'

3 Amend the amendment in section 11 in subsection 2-D in paragraph L in the last line
4 (page 5, line 42 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and"

5 Amend the amendment in section 11 in subsection 2-D by striking out all of
6 paragraph M (page 6, lines 1 to 3 in amendment) and inserting the following:

7 'M. Three percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to
8 the Treasurer of State, who shall credit the money to the Coordinated Veterans
9 Assistance Fund established in Title 37-B, section 514;

10 N. One percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded directly to the City
11 of Bangor; and

12 O. Two percent of the net slot machine income must be deposited to the General
13 Fund.'

14 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
15 or section number to read consecutively.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment makes the following changes to Committee Amendment "A":

18 1. It provides that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians must pay a \$250,000
19 nonrefundable privilege fee to be submitted with an application for a casino operator
20 license and license fee of \$5,000,000;

21 2. It lowers the number of slot machines that may be operated at the casino from 750
22 to 500;

23 3. It limits to 5 the number of registered table games that may be operated at the
24 casino; and

25 4. It increases from 35% to 40% the percentage of net slot machine income that the
26 casino operator must collect and distribute to various entities. It provides that 1% of net
27 slot machine income must be forwarded to the City of Bangor and 2% of net slot machine
28 income must be deposited in the General Fund. It increases from 1% to 3% the
29 percentage of net slot machine income that must be provided to the Coordinated Veterans
30 Assistance Fund.

31 SPONSORED BY: J. L. Tuttle
32 (Senator TUTTLE)

33 COUNTY: York

SENATE AMENDMENT



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LD 1298

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An Act To Authorize the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino in Aroostook County

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Tuttle of York

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Potential future biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This floor amendment increases the tax on net slot machine income from 35% to 40% (an additional 2% to the General Fund, an additional 2% to the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund and 1% to the City of Bangor) and limits the number of table games to 5. These changes will increase General Fund revenue by \$413,545 and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by \$401,318. The amendment also requires a one-time privilege fee of \$250,000 and a one-time license fee of \$5,000,000, increasing General Fund revenues by \$5,250,000.