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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "E" to H.P. 876,  
L.D. 1280, Bill, "An Act To Provide Income Tax Relief by Expanding Gaming  
Opportunities"

Amend the amendment in section 7 in subsection 2-C in the 5th line (page 3, line 5 in  
amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the following: '1011-A'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 8.

Amend the amendment in section 9 in the first line (page 3, line 33 in amendment) by  
striking out the following: "§1011-B" and inserting the following: '§1011-A'

Amend the amendment in section 9 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 34 in amendment) by  
striking out the following: "§1011-B" and inserting the following: '§1011-A'

Amend the amendment in section 9 by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 3,  
lines 36 to 43 and page 4, lines 1 to 8 in amendment) and inserting the following:

The commission shall develop a request for proposals designed to encourage  
vigorous bidding for the purpose of awarding one bidder the privilege to submit an  
application to the board for a casino operator license. The commission shall request bids  
for the privilege to submit an application to the board for one resort-style casino in either  
York County or Cumberland County. A request for proposals must instruct potential  
bidders to propose the scope of the gambling facility and amenities to be offered in  
conjunction with the facility and how the proposal will ensure that the proposed casino  
will provide the State with socially responsible economic growth while operating as a  
successful business for the operator, considering license fees, minimum capital  
investment requirements, regulatory standards and required rates of revenue distribution.  
The commission may require submission of documented expert analysis from a bidder to  
support the proposals submitted by the bidder.'

Amend the amendment in section 12 in paragraph C-2 in the 2nd line (page 7, line 41  
in amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the following:  
'1011-A'

Amend the amendment in section 12 in paragraph C-2 in the 3rd line from the end  
(page 8, line 1 in amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the  
following: '1011-A'

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the amendment in section 15 in subsection 2-B in the 5th line (page 8, line 27  
2 in amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the following:  
3 '1011-A'

4 Amend the amendment in section 15 in subsection 3-A in the 5th line (page 8, line 37  
5 in amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the following:  
6 '1011-A'

7 Amend the amendment in section 15 in subsection 3-A in the 2nd to the last line  
8 (page 8, line 42 in amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the  
9 following: '1011-A'

10 Amend the amendment in section 20 in subsection 2-D in the 3rd line (page 10, line  
11 17 in amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the following:  
12 '1011-A'

13 Amend the amendment in section 20 in subsection 2-E in the 3rd line (page 12, line  
14 14 in amendment) by striking out the following: "1011-B" and inserting the following:  
15 '1011-A'

16 Amend the amendment by inserting after section 24 the following:

17 **'Sec. 25. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at election; form of**  
18 **question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at  
19 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The  
20 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns  
21 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,  
22 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

23 "Do you favor the establishment of a competitive bid process for the  
24 operation of a resort-style casino in either York County or Cumberland  
25 County?"

26 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
27 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
28 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
29 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
30 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
31 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the  
32 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days  
33 after the date of the proclamation.

34 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all  
35 ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
36 referendum.'

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

39 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment removes the requirement that the operation of a casino in York  
41 County or Cumberland County be approved by the voters in York County or Cumberland

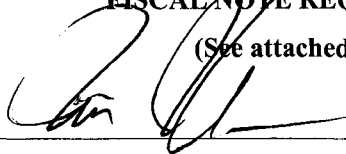
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1 County and replaces it with the requirement that the operation of a casino in York County  
2 or Cumberland County be approved by the voters of this State at a statewide election held  
3 in November 2016.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)

6 SPONSORED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

7 (Representative WINSOR)

8 TOWN: Norway



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1280

LR 1572(19)

An Act To Provide Income Tax Relief by Expanding Gaming Opportunities

Fiscal Note for House Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment "E"

Sponsor: Rep. Winsor of Norway

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-16	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 requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.