

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 136, L.D. 213, "An Act to Increase the Sales Commission of Retailers Selling Lottery Tickets"

'Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶¶K, as amended by PL 2011, c. 310, §7, is further amended to read:

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §374-A is enacted to read:

The commission shall reduce the total amount to be paid in prizes to instant lottery ticket and share winners by 3% and distribute that money to persons licensed to sell lottery tickets or shares proportional to the number of lottery tickets and shares sold.'

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

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that in addition to compensation paid as sales commission to persons licensed to sell lottery tickets or shares, the commission must reduce the total amount to be paid in prizes to instant lottery ticket and share winners by 3% and distribute that money to persons licensed to sell lottery tickets or shares proportional to the number of lottery tickets and shares sold.

(See attached)



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 213

LR 518(02)

An Act to Increase the Sales Commission of Retailers Selling Lottery Tickets

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

"A" (H-184)

Fiscal Note

Changes distribution of prizes and retailer commissions

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces the prize amounts paid to winners of instant lottery tickets and shares by 3%. It directs the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO) to proportionally distribute the resulting funds to licensed lottery retailers based on their ticket and share sales. The net effect of these changes and other anticipated activity on lottery revenue cannot be determined at this time but may be influenced by reduced player engagement due to lower perceived prize payouts.

Any additional costs to BABLO to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.