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L.D. 835

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3 VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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7 132ND LEGISLATURE

8 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 368, L.D. 835, "An Act to Allow
10 Children to Participate in Beano Games Conducted by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations"

11 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line
12 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

13 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 by inserting after paragraph B the following:

14 'C. A prize awarded to a winner of a beano game does not exceed the value of \$100
15 for any one game and the prize is not in the form of cash; and'

16 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 by relettering the paragraphs to read
17 alphabetically.

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

20 SUMMARY

21 This amendment adds the requirement that beano games conducted by eligible
22 organizations under the licensing and registration exemption established in the bill must
23 also be limited to prizes other than cash with a total value not exceeding \$100 for any one
24 game.

25 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

26 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 835

LR 1941(02)

An Act to Allow Children to Participate in Beano Games Conducted by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(593)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes nonprofit organizations—including charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious, and veterans' groups—to conduct beano games without obtaining a license or registering with Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit (GCU), provided certain conditions are met. Although the bill eliminates certain licensing and registration requirements, it does not repeal GCU's regulatory oversight of these activities. The GCU has indicated that additional staffing and resources are necessary to carry out these responsibilities and to implement the new exemption framework. The bill does not include funding for these additional needs. The fiscal impact of implementing the bill's provisions without additional resources cannot be determined at this time and may depend on the volume of unregistered activity and enforcement demands over time.