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STATE OF MAINE  
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132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 769, L.D. 1164, "An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming"

Amend the bill in section 4 in c. 39 in §1416 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 17, lines 5 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**1. Tax imposed; allocation of funds.** An operator shall collect and distribute 18% of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts to the director to be forwarded by the director to the Treasurer of State for distribution as follows:

A. Two percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the Gambling Control Unit administrative expenses Other Special Revenue Funds account, which is a nonlapsing dedicated account;

B. Two percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund established under Title 5, section 20006-B;

C. Two and one-half percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the dairy stabilization tier program under Title 7, chapter 611;

D. One and one-half percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund established under Title 5, section 20010;

E. Two percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the Emergency Housing Relief Fund established under Title 30-A, section 4765;

F. Five percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund established under Title 37-B, section 613;

G. One percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Maine established under Title 22, section 1511; and

H. Two percent of the adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts must be deposited in the School Revolving Renovation Fund established under Title 30-A, section 6006-F.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

**Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Fund for a Healthy Maine 0921**

Initiative: Provides allocation for expenditures authorized in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1511.

<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$200,000
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Milk Commission 0188**

Initiative: Provides allocation for expenditures authorized in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3153-B.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$500,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund Z358**

Initiative: Allocates funds to support the operations of the Maine Veterans' Homes.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
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**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

2025-26	2026-27
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides allocation for expenditures authorized in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 20006-B.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$200,000	\$400,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$400,000
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**Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund Z289**

Initiative: Allocates funds to support opioid use disorder prevention and treatment in the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$150,000	\$300,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$150,000	\$300,000
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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

2025-26	2026-27
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$350,000	\$700,000
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$350,000	\$700,000
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program Z340**

Initiative: Allocates funds to support housing emergencies in the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$200,000	\$400,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$400,000
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1	<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE</b>		
2	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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4	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
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6	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
7	<b>MUNICIPAL BOND BANK, MAINE</b>		
8	<b>Maine Municipal Bond Bank 0671</b>		
9	Initiative: Allocates funds for the School Revolving Renovation Fund established under the		
10	Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-F.		
11	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
12	All Other	\$200,000	\$400,000
13			
14	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
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16	<b>MUNICIPAL BOND BANK, MAINE</b>		
17	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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19	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
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21	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
22	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
23	<b>Gambling Control Board Z002</b>		
24	Initiative: Provides funding for 2 Auditor II positions, 2 Criminal Intelligence Analyst		
25	positions, one Public Service Coordinator II position and one Public Safety Inspector I		
26	position.		
27	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
28	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
29	Personal Services	\$645,354	\$668,001
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31	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$645,354</b>	<b>\$668,001</b>
32	<b>Gambling Control Board Z002</b>		
33	Initiative: Provides funding for position costs associated with 2 Auditor II positions, 2		
34	Criminal Intelligence Analyst positions, one Public Service Coordinator II position and one		
35	Public Safety Inspector I position.		
36	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
37	All Other	\$70,000	\$70,000
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39	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
40	<b>Gambling Control Board Z002</b>		
41	Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related to administrative expenses.		

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$200,000	\$400,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$645,354</b>	<b>\$668,001</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$915,354</b>	<b>\$1,138,001</b>
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$645,354</b>	<b>\$668,001</b>
<b>FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,770,000</b>	<b>\$3,470,000</b>
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,515,354</b>	<b>\$4,338,001</b>

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

### SUMMARY

This amendment adjusts the allocation of funds for adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts. The amendment increases the overall collection and distribution of adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts from 16% to 18%. It makes the following changes to distribution of adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts.

1. It reduces from 3% to 2% the amount that must be deposited in the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund and reduces from 3% to 1.5% the amount that must be deposited in the Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund.

2. It increases from 3% to 5% the amount that must be deposited in the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund.

3. It adds a 2.5% deposit to the dairy stabilization tier program, a 1% deposit into the Fund for a Healthy Maine and a 2% deposit in the School Revolving Renovation Fund.

4. It removes the E-9-1-1 fund from the list of entities receiving funds.

5. It makes no changes to the distribution of 2% to the Emergency Housing Relief Fund or to the distribution of 2% to the Gambling Control Unit administrative expenses Other Special Revenue Funds account.

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1. 6. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

2. **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

3. **(See attached)**

Approved: 05/13/25 **LRL****132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1164****LR 2128(02)****An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-393)****Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$202,854	\$225,501	\$248,883	\$273,081
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$645,354	\$668,001	\$691,383	\$715,581
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$260,000	\$299,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,770,000	\$3,470,000	\$4,490,000	\$5,153,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$442,500	\$442,500	\$442,500	\$442,500
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$260,000	\$299,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,700,000	\$3,400,000	\$4,420,000	\$5,083,000

**Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements**

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional filing fees will increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill authorizes the Gambling Control Unit (GCU) within the Department of Public Safety to regulate internet based gaming (igaming) and directs that 18% of the adjusted gross internet gaming receipts be credited to the GCU for distribution as follows:

Gambling Control Unit Admin Expenses (OSR)	2%
Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund	2%
Maine Dairy Stabilization Fund (Tier Program)	2.5%
Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund	1.5%
Emergency Housing Relief Fund	2%
Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund	5%
Fund for Health Maine	1%
School Revolving Renovation Fund	2%



The 18% of the igaming revenue (the State's share) is anticipated to generate \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 in revenue which will be distributed to various accounts listed above. Corresponding allocations will be required beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to allow for expenditure of the funds.

Provisions in this bill limit igaming licenses to each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State. Licenses and application fees are estimated to generate \$442,500 in General Fund revenue beginning in fiscal year 2025-26. This assumes 4 tribe licenses, 20 supplier licenses, 4 management services entity licenses, 25 1-year occupational licenses and 25 3-year occupational licenses are issued.

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$645,354 to the GCU beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for 2 Criminal Intelligence Analyst positions, one Public Service Coordinator position, one Public Safety Inspector I position and 2 Auditor II positions. Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$70,000 for associated All Other costs for the positions are included.

Any additional costs incurred, or additional revenue generated, by the Department of Public Safety from preparing additional fingerprint background checks are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

The introduction of internet gaming may reduce revenues from existing casino operations by shifting consumer spending. The magnitude of this effect is uncertain and will depend on implementation details, including platform structure and market uptake. Because the bill directs iGaming revenue to Other Special Revenue Funds, substitution away from current casino activity could reduce General Fund revenue. The net impact will depend on overall gaming volume and how players engage with both new and existing gaming options.