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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 714

House of Representatives, February 15, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Trumbull of Fryeburg.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Authorizing Games of Chance at Agricultural Fairs.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 17, § 1803, amended. Section 1803 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

This section shall not apply to games of chance where the amount gambled at any one time is 25¢ or under and where conducted on the grounds of and during the annual fair of any nonprofit agricultural society eligible for the state stipend under Title 7, section 62.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It has been traditional since ancient days to permit games of chance of limited amount at fairs. A strict application of present law, without this amendment, prohibits any such games, no matter how small the amount wagered. In effect, this legislation would only legalize conduct which has been carried on with overwhelming public approval and participation.