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SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 316, L.D. 394, Bill, "AN ACT to Allow Certain Nonprofit, Volunteer and Educational Organizations to Operate Games of Chance without a License from the Maine State Police."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §331, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, §3, is amended by adding at the end the following: However, any organization eligible under section 332 to operate a game of chance may operate a raffle without a license when the conduct of the raffle, including the sale and distribution of tickets, the drawing of a number or numbers from a container and the awarding of a prize or prizes, takes place on one day only and at one location only.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §335, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, §3, is amended to read:

§335. Proceeds

Proceeds of ~~such~~ any games of chance shall not be used to provide salaries, wages or other remuneration to members, officers or employees of any organization licensed or authorized to conduct games of chance ~~under the provisions of~~ this Title.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §336, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§336. Records

The treasurer of any organization conducting a game of chance, or other officer designated by him, shall keep a record of all financial transactions involving such games of chance. Such record shall include an exact account of all income from such games of chance, a list of all expenses including, but not limited to, the cost of prizes, printing, licenses and administration and shall include an exact account of the disposition of all other proceeds from such games of chance including, but not limited to, all gifts, grants and payments to any person, firm, corporation, association or organization for any purpose whatsoever.

All records of financial transactions involving such games of chance shall be separate and distinguishable from all other financial records of such organization. Income from more than one game of chance may be entered into one account.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1815, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, §5, is amended to read:

§1815. Exemptions; gambling

Any person, firm, corporation, association or organization licensed by the Chief of the State Police as provided in chapter 14 or authorized to conduct a raffle without a license as provided in section 331 shall be exempt from the application of ~~the provisions of~~ this

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chapter insofar as the possession of raffle tickets, gambling apparatus and implements of gambling which are permitted within the scope of said license or licenses issued, and all persons shall be exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter insofar as gambling or possession of raffle tickets is concerned, if the gambling and possession is in connection with a game of chance licensed as provided in chapter 14 or a raffle conducted without a license as authorized by section 331.

Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §2306, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, §6, is amended to read:

§2306. Exemption; lotteries

Any person, firm, corporation, association or organization licensed by the Chief of the State Police as provided in chapter 14 or authorized to conduct a raffle without a license as provided in section 331 shall be exempt from the application ~~the provisions of~~ of this chapter insofar as the possession of raffle tickets, gambling apparatus and implements of gambling which are permitted within the scope of said license or licenses issued, and all persons shall be exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter insofar as gambling or possession of raffle tickets is concerned, if the gambling and possession is in connection with a game of chance licensed as provided in chapter 14 or a raffle conducted without a license as authorized by section 331.'

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Statement of Fact

This amendment deletes the present material of the bill and would allow nonprofit organizations to conduct a raffle without obtaining a license or paying a fee when the raffle is conducted on one day only and at one location only.

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