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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-82)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 212, L.D. 222, Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the Performance of the State Lottery."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of paragraph A of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'A. The types of lotteries to be conducted, except games of chance regulated or exempted from regulation by other state departments or agencies, or declared illegal by statute, including, but not limited to, the games of chance commonly known as beano, bingo, numbers, policy, seven-eleven, shall not be authorized without prior legislative approval; Further amend the Bill by adding at the end, before the statement of fact, the following:

'Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §951, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 740, 993, is further amended to read:

§951. Inapplicability of chapter

Any person licensed by the Chief of the State Police as provided in Title 17, chapter 13-A or chapter 14, or authorized to operate or conduct a raffle pursuant to Title 17, section 331, subsection 2, or is licensed as an agent of the State Lottery Commission as provided in Title 8, chapter 14, shall be exempt from the application of the provisions of this chapter insofar ashis conduct is within the scope of such license.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the language prohibiting the lottery commission from expanding into other gambling activities without legislative approval and to exempt state lottery agents from the unlawful gambling statutes.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Performance Audit. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 3/22/77

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