

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 400

7 H.P. 341

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative Cox of Brewer referred to the Committee  
9 on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Michael of Auburn.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Relating to Permit Games of  
18 Chance Distributors to Sell to Certain  
19 Unlicensed Organizations.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 17 MRSa §337, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by  
24 PL 1977, c. 350, §8, is amended to read:

25 No distributor ~~shall~~ may sell, market or other-  
26 wise distribute gambling apparatus or implements to  
27 any person or organization, except to persons or  
28 organizations licensed to operate or conduct games of  
29 chance under section 332, ~~or~~ to persons or organiza-  
30 tions eligible to conduct a raffle pursuant to  
31 section 331, subsection 2 or to unlicensed persons or  
32 organizations operating or conducting games of chance  
33 on federal military installations or on Indian ter-

1 ritory, as defined in Title 30, section 6205. No dis-  
2 tributor ~~shall~~ may lease or loan or otherwise dis-  
3 tribute free of charge any gambling apparatus or  
4 implements to any organization eligible to operate a  
5 game of chance.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is to remove the pro-  
8 hibition against licensed distributors of gambling  
9 equipment used in games of chance from selling this  
10 merchandise to certain unlicensed organizations.  
11 Presently, games of chance distributors may sell only  
12 to organizations licensed with the State Police under  
13 Title 17, chapter 14. Because state licensing juris-  
14 diction does not extend to military bases or, argua-  
15 bly, to Indian territory, organizations operating  
16 games of chance on those premises are "unlicensed,"  
17 and, consequently, licensed games of chance distribu-  
18 tors in Maine cannot sell to them. These organiza-  
19 tions end up purchasing their gambling equipment from  
20 out-of-state distributors.

21 This bill corrects this problem by permitting  
22 sales to organizations operating on Indian territory  
23 and on federal military bases.

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