

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. 1257

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7 S.P. 409

In Senate, March 17, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence
9 and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Dutremble of York.

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 Concerning Games for Prizes.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 17 MRSA §331, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

22 6. Registration required. In addition to the
23 licensure requirement of subsection 1, any nonresi-
24 dent person, firm, association or organization or
25 foreign corporation that holds, conducts or operates
26 a game of chance or survey that offers prizes or mer-
27 chandise to state residents shall first register its
28 name and address with the Secretary of State. This
29 subsection applies only if the state resident is re-
30 quired to pay something of value in order to partici-
31 pate, including, but not limited to, fees called
32 entrance fees, processing fees or handling charges.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to protect state residents from out-of-state persons or groups that offer residents the opportunity to participate in surveys, contests, games or other games of chance if they first pay a fee. Often the residents do not receive any prizes or merchandise and cannot locate the non-resident offerers. Under this bill, any out-of-state offerer must register with the Secretary of State if residents must pay something of value to participate in a game of chance.

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