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1	L.D. 2203
2	(Filing No. S- 353)
3 4 5 6	STATE OF MAINE SENATE 111TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
7 8 9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 823, L.D. 2203, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Tri-state Lotto Compact."
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§413." by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 7, lines 30 to 34 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: '1. Inapplicability. No other law providing for any penalty or disability for the sale of lottery tickets or any acts done in connection with a lottery applies to the sale of tickets or acts performed under this chapter.'
18 19 20 21	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated " $\S423$." in the 2nd line (page 12, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the word "The" the underlined word: 'cash'
22 23	Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:
24 25 26 27 28	'Sec. 2. Sunset provision. This chapter shall be reviewed by the Legislature 2 years after the effective date of this Act and reviewed by the Legislature again 5 years after the effective date of this Act.
29 30 31 32	Sec. 3. Effective date. This chapter shall become effective when at least 2 party states with a combined population of 2 million or more people enact the compact into law.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 823, L.D. 2203

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment rewords the section dealing with the inapplicability of other lottery laws to read like the equivalent section of the state lottery law. It also limits the state tax exemption to cash prizes received from lotto rather than all prizes. This avoids problems with reimbursing municipalities if lotto awards a prize of real or personal property and should cause no practical problems as current plans call for giving only cash prizes.

The amendment also adds a sunset provision calling for the Legislature to review the lotto law 2 years after the effective date of this legislation and again 5 years after the effective date of the legislation. The effective date section is changed to allow the start-up of lotto if at least 2 states with a combined population of 2 million or more people enact the compact into law. Under this change, if Maine and New Hampshire both enact the compact they could begin operating lotto even if Vermont does not enact the law. These 2 states have the population and financial base to run lotto whereas neither Maine or New Hampshire when combined with Vermont alone would be able to run a profitable lotto game.

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