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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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No. 50

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7 H.P. 44

House of Representatives, January 15, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered
printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Perry of Mexico.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Stover of Sagadahoc, Representative Cote of
Auburn and Representative McSweeney of Old Orchard Beach.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to Games of
18 Chance.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §337, last paragraph, as re-
23 pealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 350, §8, is
24 amended to read:

25 Every licensee shall acquire all gambling apparatus
26 and implements from a distributor licensed under
27 this section, unless that gambling apparatus or im-
28 plements are printed, manufactured or constructed by
29 the licensed organization. At no time shall any li-
30 censee print, manufacture or construct any gambling
31 implements or apparatus for distribution to any other
32 licensee. The applicant for a distributor's license,
33 or if the applicant is a firm, corporation, associa-
34 tion or other organization, its resident manager, su-
35 perintendent or official representative shall file an
36 application with the Chief of the State Police on

1 forms furnished by him. No license shall be granted
2 if the applicant, or if the applicant is a firm, cor-
3 poration, association or other organization, its res-
4 ident manager, superintendent or official representa-
5 tive submitting the application has been convicted
6 within the prior 10 years of a crime punishable by
7 imprisonment for one year or more.

8 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §338, last paragraph, as re-
9 pealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 350, §10, is
10 amended to read:

11 The applicant for a printer's license, or if the
12 applicant is a firm, corporation, association or oth-
13 er organization, its resident manager, superintendent
14 or official representative shall file an application
15 with the Chief of the State Police on forms furnished
16 by him. No license shall be granted if the appli-
17 cant, or if the applicant is a firm, corporation, as-
18 sociation or other organization, its resident manag-
19 er, superintendent or official representative submit-
20 ting the application has been convicted within the
21 prior 10 years of a crime punishable by imprisonment
22 for one year or more.

23 Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §338-A is enacted to read:

24 §338-A. Noncompliance; investigation

25 The Chief of the State Police shall investigate
26 or cause to be investigated all complaints made to
27 him and all cases of noncompliance with or violation
28 of this chapter. It shall be grounds for an action
29 to refuse to issue, modify, suspend, revoke or refuse
30 to renew the license of a distributor or printer li-
31 censed under this chapter, if the distributor or
32 printer, its agent, principal or official representa-
33 tive has:

34 1. Fraud or deceit. Engaged in the practice of
35 fraud or deceit in obtaining a license under this
36 chapter or in connection with service rendered within
37 the scope of the license issued;

38 2. Violation of chapter or rule. Engaged in any
39 conduct which is in violation of this chapter or of
40 any rule adopted by the Chief of the State Police
41 pursuant to section 343; or

3. Conviction of certain crimes. Been convicted of a crime which involves dishonesty or false statement or which relates directly to the business for which the licensee is licensed, or for conviction of any crime for which incarceration for one year or more may be imposed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill sets forth specific grounds upon which a license issued to a distributor or printer under the games of chance laws may be denied, suspended or revoked. With the increasing popularity of games of chance in this State, it is important that the public be protected from unscrupulous and dishonest distributors or printers.

This bill assures the licensure of only those persons who are entitled to the public's trust.

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