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

No. 363

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7 S.P. 123

In Senate, February 1, 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
10 printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Tuttle of York.

11 Cosponsored by Representative McSweeney of Old Orchard Beach and
Representative Cote of Auburn.

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 Increase Fees for Beano
18 and Games of 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 §314, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL
23 1983, c. 610, is further amended to read:

24 The fee for such a license to any nonprofit orga-
25 nization is ~~§3~~ §6 for each calendar week, or portion
26 thereof, that the amusement is to be operated, or the
27 license may be issued for a calendar month for a fee
28 of ~~§12-50~~ §25. All license fees shall be paid to the
29 Treasurer of State to be credited to the General
30 Fund. No licenses may be assignable or transferable.
31 Nothing contained in this section is to be construed
32 to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any ag-
33 ricultural fair association or bona fide nonprofit
34 charitable, educational, political, civic, recrea-
35 tional, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans'
36 organization from obtaining licenses for a period not

1 to exceed 6 months on one application. No more than
2 one license may be issued to any organization for any
3 one period. No more than one licensee may operate or
4 conduct a game of "beano" or "bingo" on the same
5 premises on the same date.

6 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §315, as enacted by PL 1975, c.
7 307, §2, is amended to read:

8 §315. Seasonal licenses

9 Notwithstanding section 314, the Chief of the
10 State Police may issue seasonal licenses to operate
11 "beano" or "bingo" games in bona fide resort hotels,
12 provided they are operated and conducted therein by
13 the management without profit and solely for the en-
14 tertainment of guests of the hotel registered there-
15 in, and provided that charges, if any, to the guests
16 for participation in such entertainment shall be lim-
17 ited to a maximum of ~~\$2~~ \$4 in any 24-hour period.
18 The fee for such license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$20 and shall
19 be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to
20 the General Fund. Hotel and liquor licenses of any
21 such resort hotel licensees shall not be withheld be-
22 cause of the conducting of such resort hotel of the
23 game of "beano" or "bingo."

24 Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §339, sub-§2, as amended by PL
25 1981, c. 412, §2, is further amended to read:

26 2. Operation of games of chance. Except as pro-
27 vided in subsection 3, the fee for a license to oper-
28 ate a game of chance shall be ~~\$6~~ \$12 for each week
29 computed on a Monday to Sunday basis or portion
30 thereof. The license may be issued for a calendar
31 month for a fee of ~~\$24~~ \$48.

32 Any combination of monthly or weekly licenses may be
33 issued. Except as provided in subsection 3, licenses
34 to conduct any authorized game of chance may be is-
35 sued for a period not to exceed 6 months on one ap-
36 plication.

37 Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §339, sub-§3, as repealed and
38 replaced by PL 1977, c. 350, §11, is amended to read:

1 3. Games of cards. The fee for a license issued
2 to an organization to operate a game of cards, when
3 the organization charges no more than ~~\$1~~ \$2 daily en-
4 try fee for participation in the games of cards and
5 when no money or valuable thing other than the ~~\$1~~ \$2
6 daily entry fee is gambled by any person in connec-
7 tion with the game of cards, shall be ~~\$5~~ \$10 for each
8 calendar year or portion thereof.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The purpose of this bill is to increase the fees
11 for beano and games of chance in order to provide ad-
12 equate staff and resources to meet the increasing de-
13 mands placed on the licensing division of the State
14 Police in administering and enforcing gambling laws
15 in this State.

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