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Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOULD of Waldo. Cosponsored by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon.

#### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Amend the Tri-state Lotto Compact.

4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 5 follows:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §404, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 732, §1, is amended to read:

8 4. <u>Party states.</u> "Party states" means the states 9 of New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine <u>and any other</u> 10 <u>states permitted to join the compact pursuant to sec-</u> 11 tion 418.

12 Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §418, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 13 732, §1, is amended to read:

§418. Duration of commission and Tri-state Lotto

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The commission and Tri-state Lotto shall continue 1 2 in existence until this compact is revoked by all of 3 the party states. The withdrawal of one party state 4 shall not render the compact invalid between the remaining states. This compact may be reduced or ex-panded as to the number of member states with the ap-5 6 7 proval of the party states' commissions and the unanand 8 imous approval of the Tri-state Lotto Commission 9 the Governor, provided that any state permitted to 10 join in the Tri-state Lotto Compact shall be required to enact concurrent legislation as defined in section 11 12 404, subsection 2, before joining the compact. If number of states participating in this compact 13 the changes, the Tri-state Lotto Commission may 14 change 15 name and the name of the lotto game, as may be its 16 appropriate.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits the Tri-state Lotto Commission, 18 19 of which this State is a part, to add another state to join the Tri-state Lotto. This allows for a high-20 21 population base. The higher population base and er 22 an extra state provide 2 benefits. The first is that 23 an extra state will provide increased stability in the compact. The 2nd will be to increase sales and 24 also increase the Maine State Lottery's contribution 25 26 to the General Fund.

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27 Section 1 of the bill clarifies that "party 28 states," means the current members, Maine, New Hamp-29 shire and Vermont, but also any other state that is 30 permitted to join.

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Section 2 of the bill allows the member states of the Tri-state Lotto to add additional states with unanimous agreement of the Tri-state Lotto Commission, the party states' commissions and the Governor. The new state must adopt the Tri-state Lotto Compact and have concurrent legislation as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 404, subsection 2. It also allows the Tri-state Lotto Commission to change its name or the name of the lotto game, as appropriate.

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