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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Portland. Cosponsored by Senators DUTREMBLE of York,
DILLENBACK of Cumberland and Representative HOLLOWAY of
Edgecomb.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT Concerning Prizes Awarded by
Charitable Organizations.**

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

6 Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §330, sub-§5, ¶D, as amended by
7 PL 1981, c. 412, §1, is further amended to read:

8 D. A holder of a winning chance does not receive
9 something of value worth more than \$67,500 the
10 amount applicable under section 331-A.

11 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §331, sub-§2, as amended by PL
12 1977, c. 350, §2, is repealed.

13 Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §331, sub-§§6 and 7 are enacted
14 to read:

1 6. Raffles with prizes under \$10,000. Notwith-
2 standing subsection 1, no license to conduct or oper-
3 ate a raffle as defined in section 330, subsection 5,
4 in which the holder of the winning chance does not
5 receive something of value worth more than \$10,000,
6 is required of the following:

7 A. Any agricultural society eligible for the
8 state stipend under Title 7, section 62, or any
9 bona fide, nonprofit organization which is either
10 charitable, educational, political, civic, recre-
11 ational, fraternal, patriotic or religious or any
12 auxiliary of such organization;

13 B. Any volunteer police force, fire department
14 or ambulance corps; or

15 C. Any class or organization of an elementary,
16 secondary or post-secondary educational institu-
17 tion operated or accredited by the State.

18 Any exempt organization, department or class or com-
19 bination listed in paragraph A, B or C may sponsor,
20 operate and conduct a raffle without a license only
21 for the exclusive benefit of that organization, de-
22 partment or class or combination thereof and that
23 raffle shall be conducted only by duly authorized
24 members of the sponsoring organization, department or
25 class or combination thereof.

26 7. Special exempt raffle license; prizes over
27 \$10,000. The Chief of the State Police may issue one
28 special exempt raffle license per year to any organi-
29 zation, department or class eligible to hold a raffle
30 under subsection 6 without obtaining a license. The
31 special exempt raffle license entitles the licensee
32 to hold one raffle in which the holder of a winning
33 chance receives something of value worth more than
34 \$10,000 but not more than \$25,000.

35 Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §331-A is enacted to read:

36 §331-A. Raffle prize values

37 1. Special exempt raffle licensees. The holder
38 of a special exempt raffle license issued under sec-
39 tion 331, subsection 7, may conduct or operate one

1 raffle per year in which the holder of a winning
2 chance receives something of value worth more than
3 \$10,000 but not more than \$25,000.

4 2. Other raffles. All other persons, either li-
5 censed under this chapter to conduct or operate a
6 raffle or exempt under section 331, subsection 6, may
7 conduct or operate raffles in which the holder of a
8 winning chance receives something of value worth no
9 more than \$10,000.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This new draft raises the limit on all raffle
12 prizes from \$6,500 to \$10,000. In addition, it cre-
13 ates a special exempt raffle license for certain or-
14 ganizations to hold one raffle per year in which the
15 prize may be worth as much as \$25,000. The organiza-
16 tions eligible for this new license are the charita-
17 ble and other organizations which, under current law,
18 are not required to obtain a license to conduct a
19 raffle. The current licensing fees and procedures
20 will apply to the new special exempt raffle license.

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