

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Representatives MURPHY of Berwick, RACINE
of Biddeford and JALBERT of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Amending the Law Concerning "Beano" or
2 "Bingo" on Indian Reservations.
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, an immediate change in the law concern-
8 ing "beano" or "bingo" on Indian reservations is
9 needed for clarification and for the efficient con-
10 duct of the bingo games; and

11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
12 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
13 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
14 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
15 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
16 therefore,

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
2 follows:

3 Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1, ¶A is enacted to
4 read:

5 A. The Chief of the State Police may also issue,
6 to any federally recognized tribe, licenses to
7 sell lucky seven or other similar sealed tickets
8 in accordance with section 324.

9 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§7, as enacted by PL
10 1987, c. 197, §3, is amended to read:

11 7. Payment for services. Except as provided in
12 paragraph A, an organization licensed under this sec-
13 tion may pay the persons operating the high-stakes
14 beano games for the organization no more than the
15 minimum wage as established by Title 26, chapter 7,
16 subchapter III. The persons need not be members of
17 an organization licensed under this section.

18 A. An organization licensed under this section
19 may contract for provision of professional legal,
20 advertising, accounting and auditing services.
21 The persons employed under a contract entered in-
22 to under this paragraph may receive reasonable
23 professional fees at a rate higher than minimum
24 wage.

25 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
26 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
27 proved.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The purpose of this bill is to clarify Public Law
30 1987, chapter 197, section 3. This bill authorizes
31 the Chief of the State Police to issue licenses to a
32 federally recognized Indian tribe to sell sealed
33 tickets at high-stakes bingo games in accordance with
34 existing state law. Such activity was presumed to be
35 part of high-stakes bingo operations.

1 The bill further makes clear that workers of the
2 high-stakes bingo games need not be tribal members.
3 Serious staffing shortages are anticipated should
4 nontribal members not be allowed to work.

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