

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1922

S.P. 697 In Senate, November 13, 1987  
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Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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1987. Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and 1400  
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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Related to the Members Pool in the  
2 Tri-State Lottery.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 8 MRS.A §409, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983,  
7 c. 732, §1, is amended to read:

8 D. The manner of selecting the winning tickets  
9 and paying the prizes, except that the commission  
10 shall not alter the 6/36 game format;

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to limit an expansion of the pool of numbers in the "Tri-State Lottery."

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Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont have entered into a compact for the purpose of conducting the "Tri-State Megabucks" game. The Lottery Commission has decided to increase the pool of numbers in the Megabucks game from 36 numbers to 40 numbers. Currently, in order to win, an individual must successfully pick 6 of the 36 numbers. Under the new proposal, an individual would have to successfully pick 6 of 40 numbers. This increase will approximately double an individual's odds against winning.

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The increase in the pool of numbers has led to public disillusionment with the Maine State Lottery and threatens to undermine public support of a heretofore successful program.

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This bill will require that the pool of numbers in the Tri-State Megabucks game remains at 36.

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