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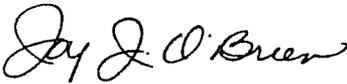
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S.P. 439

In Senate, April 13, 1989

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

  
JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative HALE of Sanford and Representative COTE of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Amend the Laws Related to Games of Chance.

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

3 Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §330, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 705,  
5 §1, is amended to read:

7 1-A. **Electronic video machine.** "Electronic video machine"  
9 means a machine, however operated, which has a video screen  
11 featuring an electronically simulated game or games and delivers  
13 or entitles the person ~~playing or operating it to receive the~~  
15 ~~privilege of playing the electronic video machine without charge,~~  
17 ~~but does not deliver or entitle the person playing or operating~~  
19 ~~the electronic video machine to receive any~~ cash, premiums,  
merchandise, tickets or something of value ~~other than as defined~~  
in subsection 8, including the privilege of playing the  
electronic video machine without charge. A machine which has a  
video screen featuring an electronically simulated slot machine  
as a game is not an electronic video machine, but is a machine as  
defined in subsection 3-A.

21 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §330, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 1983, c. 705,  
23 §2, is further amended to read:

25 3-A. **Machine.** "Machine" means any machine, including slot  
27 machines and electronic devices other than video machines,  
29 however operated, the internal mechanism or components of which  
when set in motion or activated and by the application of the  
element of chance may deliver or entitle the person playing or  
operating the machine to receive cash, premiums, merchandise,  
tickets or something of value as defined in subsection 8.

31 Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §337, as amended by PL 1985, c. 93, §1, is  
33 further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph  
to read:

35 No distributor may distribute an electronic video machine  
37 unless the distributor has held a distributor's license for at  
least 5 years.

39 Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §337, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 93, §1,  
41 is further amended to read:

43 Every licensee shall acquire all gambling apparatus and  
45 implements from a distributor licensed under this section, unless  
47 that gambling apparatus or implements are printed, manufactured  
49 or constructed by the licensed organization. At no time shall any  
51 licensee print, manufacture or construct any gambling implements  
or apparatus for distribution to any other licensee. The  
applicant for a distributor's license, or if the applicant is a  
firm, corporation, association or other organization, its  
resident manager, superintendent or official representative shall  
file an application with the Chief of the State Police on forms  
furnished by him the Chief of the State Police. The Chief of the

1 State Police shall furnish each applicant with a current copy of  
3 this chapter and the rules adopted under section 343. The Chief  
5 of the State Police shall furnish each licensee with a copy of  
any changes or additions to this chapter and the rules adopted  
under section 343.

7 Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §339, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 705,  
§7, is amended to read:

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11 2-A. Operation of electronic video machines. The fee for a  
game of chance license to operate an electronic video machine  
13 shall be \$10 for each week computed on a Monday to Sunday basis  
or portion of a week. The license may be issued for a calendar  
15 month for a fee of \$40. In addition, the State shall receive a  
fee of 10% of each machine's gross earnings which shall be paid  
17 on a monthly basis. The fee shall be assessed on earnings left  
after all prizes have been awarded, but before any expenses,  
including distributor's fees, have been paid.

19 Any combination of monthly or weekly licenses may be issued.  
21 Licenses to operate an authorized electronic video machine may be  
issued for a period not to exceed 6 months on one application.

23 Sec. 6. 17 MRSA §341, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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27 1-A. Limits on electronic video machines. Each credit on  
an electronic video machine shall be worth no more than 25¢, and  
no more than 10 credits shall be bet per hand or game. In no  
29 case may the maximum value of any prize exceed \$250.

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33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

35 The purpose of this bill is to amend the law pertaining to  
electronic video machines so that operators can win cash and also  
to add a limit to the amount that an operator can win per game.