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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT " D" to H.P. 1711, L.D. 2362, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Maine State Lottery to Enter into an Agreement with Other States to Join the Multi-State Lottery Association, Known as Lotto*America, for the Purpose of Operating a Joint Lottery"

Amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in paragraph I by adding 2 new blocked paragraphs to read:

'Before the director may enter into a final agreement with Lotto*America under this paragraph, a hearing open to the public must be held. The hearing is not subject to the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375. The director shall provide at least 30 days' public notice before the hearing may be held. Notice must be given by publication at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the State. If a final agreement with Lotto*America is entered into, the director shall submit monthly financial reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations. These reports must include statements of net profits to the General Fund and the costs to the State for operating, marketing and promoting Lotto*America.

Any final agreement entered into with Lotto*America must provide that the director has the authority to terminate the agreement upon the provision of reasonable notice, not to exceed 6 months. The final agreement must further provide that the director may terminate the agreement at any time, without prior notice, in the event that the director's authority is withdrawn or limited by law.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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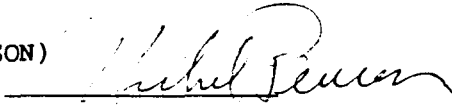
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'Sec. 2. Hearing; legislative intent. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, it is the intent of the Legislature that a hearing open to the public held before a final agreement with Lotto*America is entered into and before the effective date of this Act meets the requirements of Title 8, section 372, subsection 2, paragraph I, as amended in this Act.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires a hearing open to the public before a final agreement is made with Lotto*America and, after such an agreement, monthly financial reports are to be made to the Legislature showing profits and operating costs of Lotto*America. Thirty days' notice must be given before the hearing may be held. The amendment states the legislative intent that a hearing held before the effective date of the bill would fulfill the hearing requirements. The amendment also adds a provision requiring a contract with Lotto*America to include specific language allowing for termination of the contract by the director.

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