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Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick. Cosponsored by Representative TUPPER of Orrington, Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc and Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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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.

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

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8 MRSA §372, sub-§2, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 505, §2, 4 is amended to read:

I. Carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lotteries throughout the State and the operation and administration of similar laws which <u>that</u> may be in effect in other states or countries. <u>The director, subject to the</u> <u>prior approval of the commission, may enter into a written</u> <u>agreement with the Multi-State Lottery Association, known as</u> <u>Lotto*America, for the operation, marketing and promotion of</u> <u>a joint lottery or joint lottery games with other states.</u>

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the laws governing the state lottery to 20 permit the State Lottery Director, subject to prior approval of the State Lottery Commission, to enter into a written agreement or contract with the Multi-State Lottery Association, known as 22 Lotto*America, for the purpose of operating, marketing and 24 promoting a joint lottery or joint lottery games. The State is presently a party to the Tri-state Lotto Compact, which operates Tri-state Megabucks. Several states, including Idaho, Iowa, 26 Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia have formed the 2.8 Multi-state Lottery Association. This legislation would not 30 require the creation of an independent commission similar to the Tri-state Lottery Commission, but rather, would authorize each individual state lottery to enter into written agreements with 32 each other for the purpose of operating an additional game or 34 games.