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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 10, L.D. 7, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Town of Old Orchard Beach to Operate High-stakes Beano"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Allow Municipalities to Operate High-stakes Beano'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 426, §3 and affected by §9, is further amended to read:

1. Eligible organizations. The Chief of the State Police may issue licenses to operate high-stakes beano or high-stakes bingo to any federally recognized Indian tribe or an eligible municipality.

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

B. In conjunction with the operation of high-stakes beano, organizations that hold a license under this section, including federally recognized Indian tribes holding--a license--under--this--section or an eligible municipality may advertise and offer prizes for attendance with a value of up

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2 to \$25,000 under the terms prescribed for raffles in section
331, subsection 6. Any prize awarded under this paragraph
4 must may be awarded only on the basis of a ticket of
admission to the high-stakes beano game and may only be
awarded to a person who holds an admission ticket.

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Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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1-A. Referendum required for municipalities. If a
10 municipality approves high-stakes beano at a referendum, then the
Chief of the State Police may issue a license to operate
12 high-stakes beano in that municipality.

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Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1991, c. 426,
§5, is further amended to read:

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5. Restrictions. No A license may not be transferred or
18 assigned. No more than one license may be issued under this
section to any federally recognized Indian tribe or to an
20 eligible municipality for any one period. A license issued to an
eligible municipality may not be issued for more than 6
22 consecutive months in any year. No more than one licensee may
operate or conduct a beano game or high-stakes beano game on the
24 same premises on the same date. All games operated by federally
recognized Indian tribes must be conducted within the Indian
Territory of the licensed organization and all games operated by
26 an eligible municipality must be conducted within the eligible
municipality.

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The Chief of the State Police may not issue any license for
high-stakes beano to a municipality after January 1, 2001.

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Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 426,
34 §6, is amended to read:

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8. Report. Beginning January 15, 1992, any federally
38 recognized Indian tribe licensed to conduct high-stakes beano
under this section and, beginning January 15, 1998, an eligible
municipality, if licensed to conduct high-stakes beano under this
40 section, must submit a quarterly report on the operation of
high-stakes beano to the joint standing committee of the
42 Legislature having jurisdiction over legal affairs matters. The
report must include information on the number of persons playing
44 high-stakes beano during the preceding calendar quarter, the
funds collected for high-stakes beano, the total amount awarded
46 in prizes, including prizes for attendance and any other
information provided to the Bureau of State Police regarding the
48 operation of high-stakes beano.'

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 This bill may increase dedicated revenue collected by the
Department of Public Safety from license fees. The amount will
10 depend on how many municipalities vote to approve high-stakes
beano.

12 The additional costs associated with handling the additional
14 licensing and inspection responsibilities can be absorbed by the
Department of Public Safety utilizing existing budgeted
16 resources.'

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment replaces the bill and allows a municipality
22 upon approval of the voters to conduct high-stakes beano. The
municipality may not operate a high-stakes beano game for more
24 than 6 consecutive months in any year. The amendment prohibits
the Chief of the State Police from issuing any new license after
26 January 1, 2001. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the
bill.