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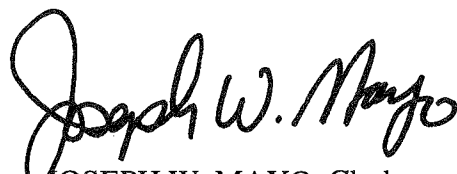
H.P. 10

House of Representatives, January 7, 1997

**An Act to Allow the Town of Old Orchard Beach to Operate High-stakes  
Beano.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach.

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

**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 and to the Town of Old Orchard Beach.

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 and the Town of Old Orchard Beach, may advertise and offer prizes for attendance with a value of up to \$25,000 under the terms prescribed for raffles in section 331, subsection 6. Any prize awarded under this paragraph ~~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.

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 426, §5, is further amended to read:

**5. Restrictions.** No license may be transferred or assigned. No more than one license may be issued under this section to any federally recognized Indian tribe or to the Town of Old Orchard Beach for any one period. No more than one licensee may operate or conduct a beano game or high-stakes beano game on the 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 the Town of Old Orchard Beach must be conducted within the Town of Old Orchard Beach.

**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 426, §6, is amended to read:

**8. Report.** Beginning January 15, 1992, any federally recognized Indian tribe licensed to conduct high-stakes beano under this section and, beginning January 15, 1998, the Town of Old Orchard Beach, if licensed to conduct high-stakes beano under this section, must submit a quarterly report on the operation of high-stakes beano to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal affairs matters. The report must include information on the number of persons playing

2 high-stakes beano during the preceding calendar quarter, the  
3 funds collected for high-stakes beano, the total amount awarded  
4 in prizes, including prizes for attendance and any other  
5 information provided to the Bureau of State Police regarding the  
6 operation of high-stakes beano.

## 8 SUMMARY

10 This bill allows the Chief of the State Police to issue a  
11 license to operate high-stakes beano to the Town of Old Orchard  
12 Beach. If issued a license to operate high-stakes beano, the  
13 Town of Old Orchard Beach would be subject to the same guidelines  
14 and restrictions as federally recognized Indian tribes licensed  
15 to operate high-stakes beano under current law.  
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