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No. 1350

H.P. 970

House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

An Act to Require the Printing of the Toll-free Telephone Number of the Council on Compulsive Gambling on all Lottery Tickets Sold in the State.

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

EPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MACK of Standish. Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, BOLDUC of Auburn, DUNLAP of Old Town, GERRY of Auburn, KASPRZAK of Newport, SAXL of Bangor, Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶¶K and L, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 505, §2, are amended to read:

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K. The manner and amount of compensation to be paid licensed sales agents necessary to provide for the adequate availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the convenience of the general public; and

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The apportionment of the total annual revenue accruing T<sub>1</sub>, 12 from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources for the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; for the payment of costs incurred 14in the operation and administration of the lotteries, 16 including the expenses of the commission and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for 18 promotional, advertising, consulting or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials; for the repayment of the money appropriated to 20 the State Lottery Fund; and for transfer to the General Fund 22 for distribution pursuant to section 387+; and

- 24 Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶M is enacted to read:
- M. The printing, in bold type on the face of the ticket, of the toll-free telephone number of the Council on Compulsive
  Gambling, or its successor organization, on all lottery tickets sold in the State.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §414, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 732, 32 §1, is amended to read:

 Prohibition; price; licensed sales agent. No ticket may be sold at a price greater than those fixed by the commission, nor may a sale be made by any person other than a licensed sales agent. No ticket may be sold in this State without the printing, in bold type on the face of the ticket, of the toll-free telephone number of the Council on Compulsive Gambling, or its successor organization. Any person who violates any of these provisions shall--be is subject to the sanctions of each respective party state's lottery statutes.

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#### SUMMARY

This bill requires that the toll-free telephone number of the Council on Compulsive Gambling, or its successor organization, be printed in bold type on the face of all lottery tickets sold in the State.

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