

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-1997

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H.P. 1307

House of Representatives, May 1, 1997

**An Act Regarding the Taxation of Goods Purchased in Connection with  
the Operation of a High-stakes Beano or High-Stakes Bingo Game.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule  
205.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BISULCA of the Penobscot Nation.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, DUNLAP of Old Town,  
GOODWIN of Pembroke, McKEE of Wayne, TRIPP of Topsham, TRUE of Fryeburg,  
TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

6 9. **Governmental capacity.** For the purposes of Title 30,  
8 section 6208, a federally recognized Indian tribe operating  
10 high-stakes beano or high-stakes bingo under this section is  
12 operating in its governmental capacity.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that a federally recognized Indian tribe  
18 that operates high-stakes beano or high-stakes bingo is operating  
in the tribe's governmental capacity. When operating in a  
governmental capacity, the tribe is not subject to taxation.