

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 20

H.P. 20

House of Representatives, January 4, 2001

**An Act to Increase the Pay-out Limit for Bingo Events.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREADWELL of Carmel.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HEIDRICH of  
Oxford, LOVETT of Scarborough.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §317, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 74,  
§2, is further amended to read:

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8       The Chief of the State Police has the power to adopt rules,  
not inconsistent with law, that are necessary for the  
administration and enforcement of this chapter and for the  
licensing, conduct and operation of the amusement commonly known  
10 as "Beano" or "Bingo" and for the permitting and operation of  
commercial beano halls. The Chief of the State Police has the  
12 power and authority to regulate, supervise and exercise general  
control over the operation of such amusement and commercial beano  
14 halls, including, but not limited to, the payment of prizes and  
the use of equipment. Any rule adopted by the Chief of the State  
16 Police concerning the value of prizes that may be awarded must  
include a provision that no single prize may exceed \$400 in value  
18 and that no more than ~~\$1,400~~ \$2,000 in total prizes may be  
awarded on any one occasion. In establishing such rules, which  
20 are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter II-A, the Chief of the State Police must, in addition  
22 to the standards set forth in other provisions of this chapter,  
use the following standards setting forth conduct, conditions and  
24 activity considered undesirable:

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**SUMMARY**

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30       This bill increases the total prizes that may be awarded at  
any one bingo event from \$1,400 to \$2,000.