

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 108

H.P. 104

House of Representatives, January 11, 2001

**An Act Regarding the Taxation of Goods Purchased in Connection with  
the Operation of High-stakes Beano and High-stakes Bingo and  
Expanding the Number of Authorized Games.**

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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 LORING of the Penobscot Nation.  
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUNLAP of Old Town, SCHNEIDER of Durham,  
SHIELDS of Auburn, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, TESSIER of Fairfield,  
Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§§9 and 10** are enacted to read:

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

10 10. **Exception.** Notwithstanding subsection 3, an  
12 organization licensed under this section may operate high-stakes  
beano or high-stakes bingo games on New Year's Eve and New Year's  
14 Day.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides that a federally recognized Indian tribe  
20 that operates high-stakes beano or high-stakes bingo is operating  
in the tribe's governmental capacity. When operating in a  
22 governmental capacity, the tribe is not subject to taxation. The  
bill also allows high-stakes beano and high-stakes bingo games to  
be operated on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.