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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 281, L.D. 992, Bill, "An Act to Permit the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Accept Gifts for the Benefit of Wildlife Protection and Conservation"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §331, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1995, c. 462, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

6. Raffles with prizes of \$10,000 or less. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a license to conduct or operate a raffle as defined in section 330, subsection 5, in which the holder of the winning chance does not receive something of value worth more than \$10,000, is not required of the following:

A. Any agricultural society eligible for the state stipend under Title 7, section 62, or any bona fide, nonprofit organization that is either charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic or religious or any auxiliary of such organization;

B. Any volunteer police force, fire department or ambulance corps; or

C. Any class or organization of an elementary, secondary or ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary educational institution operated or accredited by the State; or

D. Any state agency that conducts or operates a raffle for a donated item to benefit fish and wildlife conservation projects.

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2 Any exempt organization, department or class or combination
listed in paragraph A, B ~~or~~ C or D may sponsor, operate and
4 conduct a raffle without a license only for the exclusive benefit
of that organization, department or class or combination and that
6 raffle must be conducted only by duly authorized members of the
sponsoring organization, department or class or combination.

8 A state agency may not conduct or operate more than 2 raffles per
year pursuant to paragraph D.'

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12 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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'FISCAL NOTE

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18 Allowing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
conduct raffles for a donated item to benefit fish and wildlife
20 conservation projects may result in increased dedicated revenue
collections and expenditures. The amounts can not be determined
22 at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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28 This amendment limits the number of raffles a state agency
may conduct to 2 per year. It also adds a fiscal note to the
bill.