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House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

An Act to Increase the Prize Limit for Games of Chance at Beano Games.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

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:

6 The Chief of the State Police has the power to adopt rules,
not inconsistent with law, that are necessary for the
8 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 in total "Beano" or "Bingo" prizes
may be awarded on any one occasion. In establishing such rules,
20 which are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter
375, subchapter II-A, the Chief of the State Police must, in
22 addition to the standards set forth in other provisions of this
chapter, use the following standards setting forth conduct,
24 conditions and activity considered undesirable:

26 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §324**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §8, is
further amended to read:

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§324. Games of chance at Beano locations

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~~No "Beano" game may be conducted at any location where any
32 lottery or other game of chance is conducted, nor may any lottery
or other game of chance be conducted during the period of one
34 hour before the conduct of any "Beano" game at the specific
location of the "Beano" game, except that the following lotteries
36 may be conducted during the period of one hour before the conduct
of "Beano" games.~~

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A lottery or other game of chance may not be conducted at a
40 location simultaneous with a beano or bingo game.

42 **1. State lottery tickets.** Lottery tickets issued by the
State Liquor and Lottery Commission may be sold when a valid
44 license certificate issued by the commission is properly
displayed.

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48 **2. Raffles.** Raffle tickets may be sold in accordance with
chapter 14.

