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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 480, L.D. 1544, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Lottery Game to Improve Purses for Maine Harness Racing and to Enhance Penalties for Use of Illegal Gambling Machines"

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 5-A in paragraph C in the last line (page 2, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "14" the following: 'or that is operated by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'**Sec. 6. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2001-02 2002-03

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

State Harness Racing Commission

All Other \$541,650 \$1,300,000

Provides initial funding allocations for the Harness Racing Purse Fund.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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Other Funds \$541,650 \$1,300,000

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REVENUES

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General Fund (\$541,650) (\$1,300,000)

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Other Funds 541,650 1,300,000

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The development and initiation of a harness racing lottery game and the dedication of its net proceeds to the Harness Racing Purse Fund will reduce transfers from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to General Fund revenue by \$541,650 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2002-03. The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund may also experience a loss of dedicated revenue from reduced sales of its lottery game tickets; these amounts can not be determined at this time.

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This new lottery game will provide initial dedicated revenue to the Harness Racing Purse Fund in the amounts of \$541,650 and \$1,300,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

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The bill includes additional Other Special Revenue funds allocations of \$541,650 and \$1,300,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the State Harness Racing Commission within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish initial allocations for the Harness Racing Purse Fund.

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The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies the definition of "illegal gambling machine" to exclude machines operated by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. It also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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