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HOUSE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 1359, L.D. 1814, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Use of Tokens or Tickets for Games of Chance at Agricultural Fairs"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 12 in L.D.)

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

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'**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §341, sub-§§3 and 4**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 716, §10, are amended to read:

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3. Games conducted at agricultural fairs. Beginning January 1, 2001, games of chance conducted at agricultural fairs may be conducted only with cash, tickets, tokens or other device approved by the Chief of the State Police by rule distributed by the agricultural fair society.

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4. Games conducted at agricultural fairs by members of agricultural society or bona fide nonprofit. Beginning January 1, 2001, games of chance operated and conducted ~~solely~~ by members of an agricultural fair society or games of chance operated and conducted by members of bona fide nonprofit organizations on the grounds of the agricultural society and during the annual fair of the agricultural society may use cash, tickets, tokens or other device approved by the Chief of the State Police by rule.

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Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the tickets, tokens or other device approved by the Chief of the State Police must be unique to the agricultural society and may be in denominations from 25¢ to 50¢. The tickets, tokens or device

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2 approved by the Chief of the State Police may be sold and
redeemed only by a person who has been a member or active
4 volunteer of the agricultural society for at least 2 fair
seasons. The agricultural society has the burden of proof for
demonstrating the qualification of members or active volunteers.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency
8 clause (page 2, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.)

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SUMMARY

14 Current law requires that beginning January 1, 2001, games
of chance operated at agricultural fairs must be conducted using
tickets or tokens unless the games are conducted by a member of
16 the agricultural fair society or a bona fide nonprofit. The bill
would have extended the date by which agricultural fairs must
18 comply with the ticket or token provision to January 1, 2002; the
amendment removes that change. The amendment permits
20 agricultural fairs to use tickets, tokens or cash regardless of
who operates the games of chance. The amendment also removes the
22 emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill. The
amendment maintains the provision that would make the changes to
24 current law retroactive to January 1, 2001.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT