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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1552, L.D. 2055, Bill, "An Act to Delay the Date by Which the Use of Tokens or Tickets is Required for Games of Chance at Agricultural Fairs"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Make the Use of Tokens or Tickets for Games of Chance at Agricultural Fairs Optional'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, agricultural fairs have demonstrated improved accounting practices; and

Whereas, the requirement that tokens or tickets be used when 3rd parties conduct games of chance at agricultural fairs is no longer necessary; and

Whereas, the agricultural fair season will begin prior to 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §336, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 716,
6 §4, is amended to read:

8 **1-A. Records required by agricultural fairs.** The treasurer
10 of the agricultural fair society conducting a game of chance that
12 is operated by a member of the agricultural fair society, or the
14 treasurer's designee, shall keep a record as required by
16 subsection 1. An agricultural fair society that employs
18 operators who are not members of the agricultural fair society
20 and that ~~is required~~ chooses to use tokens as provided by section
22 341, subsection 3, shall keep a record of all tokens, tickets or
24 other devices used to play games of chance, sold and redeemed for
26 cash. The records must include the exact amount of income from
the sale of tokens, tickets or other devices used to play games
of chance and the exact amount paid towards the redemption of the
tokens, tickets or other devices used to play games of chance,
for cash. The records must include an exact account of expenses
and disposition of all other proceeds, including but not limited
to payments to any person, firm, corporation, association or
organization for any purpose whatsoever. All records of
financial transactions involving games of chance must be separate
and distinguishable from all other financial records of the
organization.

28 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §336, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 716,
30 §5, is amended to read:

32 **2-A. Disposition of funds reports by agricultural fairs.**
34 Agricultural fair societies licensed to conduct games of chance
36 that are operated by members of the agricultural fair society are
38 subject to the disposition of funds reporting requirements
40 provided in subsection 2. Within 10 business days after the last
42 day of any period during which games of chance are conducted by
44 an agricultural fair society that employs operators who are not
46 members of the agricultural fair society and that ~~is required~~
48 chooses to use tokens as provided by section 341, subsection 3,
the agricultural fair society shall file with the Chief of the
State Police a disposition of funds form prescribed and furnished
by the Chief of the State Police. The report must provide, in
detail, the total number of tokens, tickets or other devices used
to play games of chance sold and redeemed for cash and the
disposition of funds from the proceeds of the sale of tokens.
Every statement must be made under oath by an officer of the
agricultural fair society or by the member of the agricultural
fair society in charge of the sale and redemption of tokens,
tickets or other devices used to play games of chance.

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