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BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1700, L.D. 2200, "Resolve, to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino on the Economy, Transportation Infrastructure, State Revenues and the Job Market"

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

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 19 members as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one member from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters and one from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over gaming matters;

2. Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. One member must be a tribal representative, one must be from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters, one from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over gaming matters, one from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and one from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human services matters;

3. Two members of the public in support of a Maine-based casino, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

4. Two members of the public opposed to a Maine-based casino, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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- 2 5. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee;
- 4 6. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- 6 7. A representative of the Maine Association of
8 Interdependent Neighborhoods selected by the association, or the
member's designee;
- 10 8. A representative of the Maine Chiefs of Police
12 Association selected by the association, or the member's designee;
- 14 9. A representative of the Maine Chamber of Commerce
selected by the chamber, or the member's designee;
- 16 10. A representative of the Maine Tourism Association
18 selected by the association, or the member's designee;
- 20 11. A representative of the Office of Substance Abuse
within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services,
22 or the member's designee; and
- 24 12. The Executive Director of the Maine Harness Racing
Commission or the executive director's designee; and be it
26 further'
- 28 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 3 in
the last line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the
30 following: "and"
- 32 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 4 in
the last line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the
34 following: "and be it further"
- 36 Further amend the resolve in section 5 by inserting after
subsection 4 the following:
- 38 '5. Hold 3 public hearings in different regions of the
40 State on the subject of a Maine-based casino;
- 42 6. Identify appropriate locations for a casino if one is to
be operated in the State; and
- 44 7. Estimate the impact of a Maine-based casino on municipal
46 services, social services, affordable housing, business activity
and criminal activity within a 25-mile radius of a proposed
48 casino and the impact on other forms of gambling that are legally
conducted in the State; and be it further'

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2 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 8
and inserting in its place the following:

4 'Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit a
report that includes its findings and recommendations, including
6 suggested legislation, to the joint standing committees of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic
8 development and gaming matters no later than January 2, 2003.
The joint standing committees are authorized to introduce
10 legislation related to the report to the First Regular Session of
the 121st Legislature; and be it further'

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14 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 10 the
following:

16 'Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: The
following appropriations and allocations are made.

18 **LEGISLATURE**

20 **Task Force to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino**

22 Initiative: Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of
24 legislative members and expenses for other members of the Task
Force to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino and to print
26 the required report.

28	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services	\$0	\$1,540
30	All Other	0	8,880
32	Total	\$0	\$10,420'

34 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

36 **FISCAL NOTE**

38 **2002-03**

40 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

42 General Fund \$10,420
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46 The Legislature will require a General Fund appropriation of
\$10,420 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the per diem and expenses of
48 legislative members and expenses for other members of the Task
Force to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino and to print
50 the required report.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 The additional costs associated with providing staffing to
the task force during the interim between legislative sessions
4 can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted
resources. If an extension of the reporting deadline is granted
6 and the task force requires staffing assistance during the
legislative session, the Legislature may require an additional
8 General Fund appropriation to contract for staff services.

10 The additional costs associated with the Task Force to Study
the Impact of a Maine-based Casino can be absorbed by the
12 Department of the Attorney General, the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of
14 Transportation and the Department of Public Safety utilizing
existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

20 This amendment changes the membership of the Task Force to
Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino and increases the
22 membership from 14 to 19 members. It amends the duties of the
task force to require that the task force hold 3 regional public
24 hearings, determine the appropriate location for a casino and
estimate the impact of a casino on municipal services, social
26 services, affordable housing, business activity and criminal
activity within a 25-mile radius of a proposed casino and the
28 impact on other forms of gambling that are legally conducted in
the State. It also amends the bill so that the task force
30 submits its report to the joint standing committees of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic
32 development and gaming matters. The joint standing committees
are authorized to report out legislation to the 121st
34 Legislature. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the
resolve.