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An Act To Share Revenue from Sales of Lottery Tickets and To Permit Additional Ticket Sales Locations

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

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Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §375, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Location of lottery machines. The director may issue
8 a license to sell lottery tickets to an applicant who meets the
requirements of subsection 1 regardless of the location of any
existing lottery sales agent.

10 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §387**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 494, §5, is
12 further amended to read:

14 **§387. State Lottery Fund; appropriation of money**

16 **1. Appropriation.** The money in the State Lottery Fund may
be appropriated only:

18 A. For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning
20 lottery tickets or shares;

22 B. For the expense of the ~~division~~ bureau in its operation
of the lottery;

24 C. For payment to the General Fund; and

26 D. For payment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund pursuant
to Title 12, section 7782-; and

28 E. For the payment of annual revenue sharing to sales
30 agents.

32 **2. Apportionment.** The money in the State Lottery Fund
34 ~~shall must~~ be apportioned so that not less than 45% of the total
ticket sales received in the lottery ~~will--be~~ is disbursed as
36 prizes to holders of winning tickets. Twelve percent of total
ticket sales must be distributed by the director to lottery
agents as revenue sharing on a yearly basis. Each agent must be
38 paid 12% of the agent's annual ticket sales. All other money,
less reasonable costs for the proper administration of the State
40 Lottery, ~~shall-be~~ is the State's share.

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill allows the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic
46 Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services to issue licenses to sell
48 lottery tickets without regard to the distance between the new
location and any other location. The bill also directs the State
50 Liquor and Lottery Commission to distribute 12% of annual lottery
ticket sales revenue back to sales agents as revenue sharing.