

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 672

House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

### An Act Regarding Gaming Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JENNINGS of Leeds.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, RICHARDSON of Brunswick,

Senators: GAGNON of Kennebec, MAYO of Sagadahoc.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §332, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1999, c. 716, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Location. A license, issued pursuant to this section, shall must specify the--location where the organization may operate the licensed game of chance. No A licensee may operate games of chance in more than one location at the same time.

A. An agricultural society or a bona fide nonprofit organization may operate a game of chance on the grounds of an agricultural society and during the annual fair of the agricultural society.

B. No other licensee may operate a game of chance on premises to which the general public has access. In any room where a licensed game of chance is being conducted, there must be at least one member of the licensee present in that room for every 2 nonmembers who are present. That member must have been a member of the licensee for at least one year. A member of the licensee, either directly or through another member or guest, may not stake or risk something of value in the licensee's game of chance unless the member has been a member, as defined in section 330, subsection 3-B, of the licensee for at least 14 days not including the day of admission into membership.

A bona fide nonprofit organization may operate a licensed game of chance to which the general public has access, once every 3 months for a period not to exceed 2 consecutive days. The licensed game of chance may be operated at any location described in the license and may be conducted only by members of the licensee.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §333, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, §3, is amended to read:

§333. Application

An application to operate or conduct a game of chance shall must be on forms provided by the Chief of the State Police. Such application shall must be signed by a duly authorized officer of the organization. It shall must contain the full name and address of the organization, a full description of the game of chance, the--location where the game is to be conducted and any other information deemed considered necessary by the Chief of the State Police for the issuance of a license to operate a game of chance. An application to operate or conduct a game of chance shall must

2 bear the consent of the municipal officers of the town or city in  
which such game of chance is to be operated or conducted.

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### **SUMMARY**

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8 This bill provides that a licensee who is licensed to  
operate games of chance may operate those games of chance in more  
than one location at the same time.