

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 **§333. Application**

40 An application to operate or conduct a game of chance shall  
42 must be on forms provided by the Chief of the State Police. Such  
application shall must be signed by a duly authorized officer of  
44 the organization. It shall must contain the full name and address  
of the organization, a full description of the game of chance,  
46 ~~the--location~~ where the game is to be conducted and any other  
information ~~deemed~~ considered necessary by the Chief of the State  
48 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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### 6 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.