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House of Representatives, March 6, 2003

An Act To Recognize the Regional Impact of Casino-style Gambling Facilities

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Representative ANDREWS of York.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §348 is enacted to read:

§348. Municipal approval required for casino-style gambling

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Before a facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted is allowed to operate, the operation of such a facility must be approved by the legislative body or voters of the municipality in which the facility is to be located and the legislative body or voters of each municipality that abuts the municipality in which the facility is to be located. For purposes of this section, "casino-style gambling" means gambling conducted by a person, corporation, group or other entity as a for-profit business that includes games such as blackjack or roulette, slot machines or video lotteries.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides that before a facility at which casino-style gambling is conducted is allowed to operate, the operation of such a facility must be approved by the legislative body or voters of the municipality in which the facility is to be located and the legislative body or voters of each municipality that abuts the municipality in which the facility is to be located.