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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1342, L.D. 1820, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Gambling Control Board To License and Regulate Slot Machines at Commercial Harness Racing Tracks"

Amend the amendment on page 14 by striking out all of the first indented paragraph (page 14, lines 9 to 12 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill in Part A in section 4 in that part designated "~~§1021.~~" by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 22, lines 37 to 48 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Limits on total slot machines. The board shall determine the number of slot machines to be registered in the State. The board shall make this determination based upon the minimum gross slot machine income, when distributed pursuant to section 1036, necessary to maintain the harness horse racing industry in this State, except as provided in this subsection.

A. The total number of slot machines registered in the State may not exceed 50.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Part B, section 9 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. B-9. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1342,
L.D. 1820

2 **Harness Racing Commission 0320**

4 Initiative: Allocates funds for distribution of revenues to
various accounts.

6	Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
8	All Other	\$0	\$347,704
10	Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$347,704

12 **AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

14	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$347,704
18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$347,704

20 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

22 **Administration - Attorney General 0310**

24 Initiative: Provides funds for an Assistant Attorney General
26 position to assist in rulemaking, forfeitures, license
application denial appeals and other required legal services.

28	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
	Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(1.000)
30	Personal Services	\$0	\$62,234
	All Other	0	8,996
32	General Fund Total	\$0	\$71,230

34 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

36		2003-04	2004-05
38	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$71,230
40	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$71,230

42 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

44 **Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653**

46 Initiative: Allocates funds for the University of Maine System
Scholarship Fund.

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2	Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
	All Other	\$0	\$31,698
4	Other Special Revenue Funds Total	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$31,698
6	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
8	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$31,698
12	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$31,698
14	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
16	Gambling Control Board		
18	Initiative: Provides funds for one Director position, one Auditor II position, one Public Safety Inspector I position, one Clerk Typist III position and general operating expenses, which include the installation and administration of an on-line monitoring system and the costs of conducting necessary background checks.		
24	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
26	Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(4.000)
28	Personal Services	\$0	\$282,226
30	All Other	0	284,896
32	Capital Expenditures	0	22,000
34	General Fund Total	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$589,122
36	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
38	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
40	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$589,122
42	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$589,122
44	MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM,		
46	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		
48	Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556		
50	Initiative: Allocates funds for the scholarship program.		
52	Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
54	All Other	\$0	\$15,849
56	Other Special Revenue Funds Total	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$15,849

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2	MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		
4	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$15,849
8	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,849</u>
10	SECTION TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
12	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$660,352
14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	0	395,251
16	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,055,603</u>

PART C

Sec. C-1. 8 MRSA §1021, sub-§3, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. Notwithstanding paragraph A, beginning January 1, 2005, the total number of slot machines registered in the State may not exceed 1,500.

Sec. C-2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at general election; form of question; effective date. This Part takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the State at the next general election in the month of November following passage of this Part. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

Do you favor increasing the total maximum number of slot machines that may be registered in this State from 50 to 1,500?

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word Yes or No. The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the Part, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Part takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

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2 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
4 city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.'

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment reduces the maximum number of slot machines
that may be registered in the State from 1,500 as proposed in
12 Committee Amendment A to 50. This amendment increases the
maximum number of slot machines to 1,500 beginning January 1,
14 2005 if the increase is approved at a referendum to be held in
November 2004.

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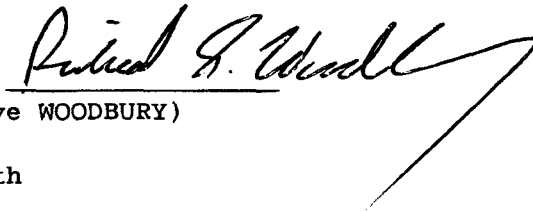
FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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SPONSORED BY:



(Representative WOODBURY)

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TOWN: Yarmouth

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 1820

**An Act To Establish the Gambling Control Board To License and
Regulate Slot Machines at Commercial Harness Racing Tracks**

LR 2664(07)

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment " "

Sponsor: Rep. Woodbury

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$534,631	\$1,738,453	\$16,431,905
Fund For a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$1,426,404	\$2,909,844	\$7,914,816
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,165,426)	(\$1,637,839)	(\$3,306,554)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$3,557,255)	(\$7,256,750)	(\$19,738,459)
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,700,057)	(\$3,376,292)	(\$19,738,459)
Fund For a Healthy Maine	\$0	(\$1,426,404)	(\$2,909,844)	(\$7,914,816)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$3,557,255)	(\$7,256,750)	(\$19,738,459)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

By reducing the maximum number of allowable registered slot machines from 1,500 to 50, this amendment does the following:

It reduces General Fund appropriations by \$1,165,426 in fiscal year 2004-05 and reduces General Fund revenues for that same year by \$1,700,057;

It reduces Other Special Revenue Funds allocations by \$3,557,255 in fiscal year 2004-05 and reduces dedicated revenues for that same year by the same amount; and

It reduces Fund for Healthy Maine revenues by \$1,426,404 in fiscal year 2004-05 .

If the maximum number of allowable registered slot machines is restored to 1,500 through the results of the proposed referendum, then the fiscal impact identified for Committee Amendment "A" will be delayed for approximately 6 months; the exact fiscal impact can not be determined at this time.

Referendum Costs - General Fund

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
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	Nov-04	General	Referendum	Standard
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The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions increases the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.