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House of Representatives, March 8, 2005

An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming and Gaming by Nonprofits

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

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Presented by Representative PATRICK of Rumford. Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and

Representatives: BROWN of South Berwick, CANAVAN of Waterville, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, JACKSON of Fort Kent, MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, SMITH of Van Buren, WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §332, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Texas hold 'em poker. The Chief of the State Police may issue a license to conduct a Texas hold 'em poker game under this section to an eligible organization under subsection 1 or to a federally recognized Indian tribe licensed for high-stakes beano under section 314-A, subsection 1. A licensee under this subsection may operate up to 10 tables with up to 7 players per table. A participant of a Texas hold 'em poker game must pay a \$100 fee to play, of which \$25 must go to the licensee.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes who are licensed to conduct high-stakes beano to conduct Texas hold 'em poker games in which a player must pay a \$100 fee to play, of which \$25 goes to the nonprofit organization or Indian tribe.