

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 22, 2005

### An Act To Increase College Scholarships

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland and  
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, STRIMLING of  
Cumberland, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BARSTOW of Gorham, PINGREE of  
North Haven.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §300**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §4  
and affected by Pt. B, §11, is repealed.

6       **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1036, sub-§§1 and 2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.  
8 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, are amended to read:

10       **1. Distribution for administrative expenses of board.** A  
slot machine operator shall collect and distribute ~~1%~~ 2% of  
12 adjusted gross slot machine income to the Treasurer of State for  
deposit in the General Fund for the administrative expenses of  
14 the board. For purposes of this subsection, "adjusted gross slot  
machine income" means the total value of money or tokens, credits  
16 or similar objects or things of value used to actually play a  
slot machine before payback is distributed to a player.

18       **2. Distribution from commercial track.** A slot machine  
operator shall collect and distribute ~~39%~~ 38% of the total gross  
20 slot machine income from slot machines operated by the slot  
machine operator to the board for distribution by the board as  
22 follows:

24       A. Three percent of the total gross slot machine income  
must be deposited to the General Fund for administrative  
26 expenses of the board, including gambling addiction  
counseling services, in accordance with rules adopted by the  
28 board;

30       B. Ten percent of the total gross slot machine income must  
be forwarded by the board to the Treasurer of State, who  
32 shall credit the money to the fund established in section  
298 to supplement harness racing purses;

34       C. Three percent of the total gross slot machine income  
must be credited by the board to the Sire Stakes Fund  
36 created in section 281;

38       D. Three percent of the total gross slot machine income  
must be forwarded by the board to the Treasurer of State,  
40 who shall credit the money to the Agricultural Fair Support  
Fund established in Title 7, section 77;

42       E. Ten percent of the total gross slot machine income must  
44 be forwarded by the board to the State Controller to be  
credited to the Fund for a Healthy Maine established by  
46 Title 22, section 1511 and segregated into a separate  
account under Title 22, section 1511, subsection 11, with  
48 the use of funds in the account restricted to the purposes  
described in Title 22, section 1511, subsection 6, paragraph  
50 E;

2 F. Two and one-half percent of the total gross slot machine  
4 income must be forwarded by the board to the University of  
6 Maine System Scholarship Fund created in Title 20-A, section  
11631;

8 G. One and one-half percent of the total gross slot machine  
10 income must be forwarded by the board to the board of  
12 trustees of the Maine Community College System to be applied  
14 by the board of trustees to fund its scholarships program  
16 under Title 20-A, section 12716, subsection 1;

18 H. Four percent of the total gross slot machine income must  
20 be forwarded by the board to the Treasurer of State, who  
22 shall credit the money to the Fund to Encourage Racing at  
24 Maine's Commercial Tracks, established in section 299;  
26 however, the payment required by this paragraph is  
28 terminated when all commercial tracks have obtained a  
30 license to operate slot machines in accordance with this  
32 chapter; and

34 ~~I. Two percent of the total gross slot machine income must  
36 be forwarded by the board to the Treasurer of State, who  
38 shall credit the money to the Fund to Stabilize Off-track  
40 Betting Facilities established by section 300, as long as a  
42 facility has conducted off-track wagering operations for a  
44 minimum of 250 days during the preceding 12 month period in  
46 which the first payment to the fund is required. After 48  
48 months of receiving an allocation of the total gross slot  
49 machine income from a licensed operator, the percent of  
50 total slot machine income forwarded to the Fund to Stabilize  
51 Off-track Betting Facilities is reduced to 1% with the  
52 remaining 1% to be forwarded to the State in accordance with  
53 subsection 1, and~~

54 J. One percent of the total gross slot machine income must  
56 be forwarded directly to the municipality in which the slot  
58 machines are located.

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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill repeals the laws that establish the Fund to  
46 Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities and require that 2% of the  
48 total gross slot machine income be deposited in this fund. The  
bill provides that consistent with the intent of the Maine  
Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 1036, subsection 2, paragraph  
I, half of the money that otherwise would be deposited in the  
Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities is deposited in

2 the General Fund for the administrative expenses of the Gambling  
Control Board. The bill also provides that the other half of  
4 this money is divided equally between the University of Maine  
System and the Maine Community College System for student  
scholarships.