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House of Representatives, March 22, 2005

An Act To Amend the Law Banning Smoking in Buildings Where Bingo or Beano Is Played

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham. (BY REQUEST)

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §327**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 232, §1, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1542, sub-§2, ¶O** is enacted to read:

8 O. Smoking is not prohibited in a designated smoking area of a bingo or beano hall licensed under Title 17, chapter 13-A as long as:

12 (1) The designated smoking area is segregated from the main public area of the hall and sealed by a door;

14 (2) The designated smoking area is equipped with a ventilation system to admit outside air;

18 (3) Both the smoking and nonsmoking areas have a public address system and a master board, electric flashboard or chalkboard visible to all players;

22 (4) A member of the licensee is present during the game in both the smoking and the nonsmoking areas; and

24 (5) A sign provided by the department listing the toll-free telephone number of the Maine Tobacco HelpLine administered by the department is posted in a visible location in the designated smoking area.

30 **Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to provide sign.**

32 Upon request, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a sign to a bingo or beano hall licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, chapter 13-A listing the toll-free telephone number of the Maine Tobacco HelpLine administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill allows a beano or bingo hall to maintain a designated smoking area as long as the area is segregated from the main hall and sealed with a door; is equipped with a ventilation system; has a public address system and has the master board, flashboard or chalkboard visible to all players in both the smoking and nonsmoking areas; has a member of the licensee present in both the smoking and nonsmoking areas; and posts a sign listing the toll-free telephone number of the Maine Tobacco HelpLine administered by the Department of Health and Human Services in a visible location in the designated smoking area. This bill also directs the Department of Health and Human

2 Services to provide signs listing the Maine Tobacco HelpLine
toll-free telephone number to licensed beano or bingo hall
operators who request the sign.