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An Act To Change the Laws Concerning Games of Chance

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

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Presented by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PLUMMER of Windham, Senator:
DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §324-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §10 and
3 affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 **2. Games of chance before "beano."** A person may not conduct a lottery or other
5 game of chance during the period of one hour before the conduct of any "beano" game at
6 the specific location of the "beano" game, except that the following lotteries may be
7 conducted during the period of ~~one hour~~ 2 hours before the conduct of "beano" games.

8 A. Lottery tickets issued by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission may be sold
9 when a valid license certificate issued by the commission is properly displayed and,
10 notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, at any time during the conduct of
11 "beano" games.

12 B. Raffle tickets may be sold in accordance with chapter 14.

13 C. Lucky seven or similar sealed tickets may be sold when that game of chance is
14 licensed by the Chief of the State Police and when a valid license certificate is
15 properly displayed. Lucky seven or games similar to sealed tickets may be sold in
16 paper or electronic form. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section and
17 section 312, lucky seven games may be conducted during the period beginning 2
18 hours before and ending 2 hours after a "beano" game. Lucky seven or similar sealed
19 tickets may be purchased by persons who are not purchasing cards to play "beano"
20 after payment of an entrance fee to the licensee.

21 Notwithstanding any other rule, lucky seven or ~~other~~ similar sealed tickets may be
22 sold that have a sale value of ~~\$1~~ \$20 or less.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides that Maine State Lottery tickets may be sold at any time during the
25 conduct of "beano" games and that other games of chance may be sold up to 2 hours
26 before "beano" games. Current law provides that they may be sold only one hour prior to
27 the conduct of a "beano" game. This bill also increases the permitted sale value for
28 lucky seven or similar sealed tickets from \$1 to \$20. Current law provides that lucky
29 seven and similar sealed tickets may be sold only to those purchasing cards to play
30 "beano." This bill permits them to be sold to anyone who has paid an entrance fee.