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An Act To Make Changes in the Laws Regarding Raffles

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
Representative: 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, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §10
3 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 B. Raffle tickets may be sold in accordance with chapter 14. Notwithstanding the
5 other provisions of this section, raffle tickets may be sold up to one hour after the
6 beginning of a "beano" game.

7 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §331, sub-§8-A, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 796, §3, is
8 amended to read:

9 A. The Chief of the State Police may issue one special exempt raffle license per
10 year to any organization, department or class eligible to hold a raffle under subsection
11 6 without obtaining a license. The special exempt raffle license entitles the licensee
12 to hold one raffle in which the holder of a winning chance receives something of
13 value worth more than \$10,000 but not more than \$75,000. The raffle may be
14 divided into multiple drawings with the final drawing to be held within 12 months of
15 the first. Drawings must be used to randomly select a smaller groups to be eligible
16 for the final prize to be awarded after the final drawing. Section 341 does not apply
17 to raffles licensed under this section.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill extends the period of time during which raffle tickets may be sold at a beano
20 game. It also provides that a raffle for a prize valued at greater than \$10,000 but less than
21 \$75,000 may be divided into multiple drawings.