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STATE OF MAINE

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123RD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 849, L.D. 2206, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Operation of "Texas Hold 'Em" Tournaments"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Tournament Games Laws'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 205, §1, is amended to read:

3. License. The license fee for a tournament game license is \$5 \$200 per tournament player.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 205, §1, is amended to read:

4. Tournament. The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this section shall display the rules of the game and the license issued to conduct the tournament. The maximum number of players allowed is 100. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is prohibited as part of tournament play. The maximum entry fee to play in the tournament is \$100, except the organization may add \$5 to the player entry fee to defray the cost of the license application fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all players does not exceed \$200. Only one entry fee is permitted per person. A tournament must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of chance are prohibited, except for lucky seven or similar sealed tickets.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 205, §1, is amended to read:

5. Proceeds. Seventy-five percent of the entry fees under subsection 4 must be paid as prizes to the winners of the tournament. Of the money remaining after the payment of

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1 prizes, 75% must be distributed to the charitable organization or organizations listed on
2 the license application pursuant to this section.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill. It changes the per player fee structure for
5 tournament games to be a flat \$200 license fee. It provides that the organization licensed
6 to conduct tournament games may add to the player entry fee to defray the cost of the
7 license. The amendment also removes the provision that requires the licensee to
8 distribute 75% of the proceeds remaining after paying prizes to players to the specific
9 charitable purposes listed on the application.

10 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
11 (See attached)



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LD 2206

LR 3452(02)

An Act To Improve the Operation of "Texas Hold 'Em" Tournaments

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$6,000)	(\$6,000)	(\$6,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces the license fee on tournament games from \$500 to \$200 and will result in a reduction of Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$6,000 beginning in fiscal year 2008-09