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**An Act To Exempt a Door Prize Awarded at a Fishing Tournament
from Being Classified as a Game of Chance**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representative: BLANCHARD of Old Town.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §331, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 424, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 **3. Door prizes.** Distribution of tickets to any event upon which appear details
5 concerning any prize to be given away as a result of a drawing is to be considered a game
6 of chance within the meaning of this chapter, except that such distribution of tickets
7 containing only the words "Door Prize," without further description, ~~shall be~~ are excluded
8 from the provisions of this chapter, ~~provided that~~ as long as no promotional materials or
9 presentations, written or oral, ~~shall~~ further describe the door prize. Distribution of tickets
10 to a fishing tournament permitted under Title 12, section 12504, 12504-A or 12505 upon
11 which appear details concerning a prize to be given away as a result of a drawing is not a
12 game of chance within the meaning of this chapter.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that a door prize offered by an organization conducting a fishing
15 tournament permitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is not a game of
16 chance for purposes of licensing games of chance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,
17 Title 17, chapter 14.