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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 329

H.P. 265

House of Representatives, February 3, 2009

### An Act To Increase the Prize Limit on Beano

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and  
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Bethel, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HANLEY  
of Gardiner, JOY of Crystal, LEWIN of Eliot, THIBODEAU of Winterport, Senator:  
NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §317, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 74, §2, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 The Chief of the State Police has the power to adopt rules, not inconsistent with law,  
5 that are necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter and for the  
6 licensing, conduct and operation of the amusement commonly known as "Beano" or  
7 "Bingo" and for the permitting and operation of commercial beano halls. The Chief of  
8 the State Police has the power and authority to regulate, supervise and exercise general  
9 control over the operation of such amusement and commercial beano halls, including, but  
10 not limited to, the payment of prizes and the use of equipment. Any rule adopted by the  
11 Chief of the State Police concerning the value of prizes that may be awarded must include  
12 a provision that no single prize may exceed \$400 in value and that no more than ~~\$1,400~~  
13 \$2,000 in total prizes may be awarded on any one occasion. The Chief of the State Police  
14 shall include in the rule a provision that allows for the operator of a beano or bingo game,  
15 in the event of a tie, to conduct a drawing to determine a single winner. In establishing  
16 such rules, which are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
17 ~~II-A 2-A~~, the Chief of the State Police must, in addition to the standards set forth in other  
18 provisions of this chapter, use the following standards setting forth conduct, conditions  
19 and activity considered undesirable:

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#### SUMMARY

21 This bill increases the total prize limit for beano from \$1,400 to \$2,000 and requires  
22 the Chief of the State Police to include in rules adopted to govern beano a provision that  
23 allows for a drawing to determine a winner in the event of a tie.