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House of Representatives, February 4, 2010

An Act To Extend the Temporary Reduction in High-stakes Beano License Fees

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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Presented by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation. Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and Representatives: SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, TARDY of Newport, Senator: SCHNEIDER of Penobscot. Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation reduces the annual license fee for high-stakes beano for this year and next year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 109, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Term of license; fees. A license issued under this section is valid for a period of one year. The annual license fee for a high-stakes beano license is \$50,000, except that the annual license fee due in 2008 and, 2009, 2010 and 2011 is \$25,000. License fees may be paid in advance in quarterly installments. All license fees must be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 2. Report. By February 1, 2011, the Chief of the State Police, with input from holders of licenses issued pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, section 314-A, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs on the enforcement and administrative functions conducted with regard to the conduct of high-stakes beano during calendar year 2010, including any recommendations regarding the fees for a high-stakes beano license.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

## SUMMARY

26 Current law provides that the annual license fee for a high-stakes beand license is 27 \$50,000, except that the fee due in 2008 and 2009 was \$25,000. This bill extends the 28 reduction in license fees to 2010 and 2011, and requires that the Chief of the State Police, 29 · with input from those federally recognized Indian tribes issued licenses for high-stakes 30 beano, submit a report by February 1, 2011 to the joint standing committee of the 31 Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs regarding enforcement and 32 administrative functions conducted with regard to high-stakes beano, including 33 recommendations regarding fees for high-stakes beano licenses.