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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 718, L.D. 974, Bill, "An Act To Revise the Laws on Tournament Games"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5" and inserting the following: '2'

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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 (page 1, lines 13 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

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**3-A. License.** The license fees for tournament game licenses are as follows:

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A. For tournament games that do not exceed 100 players:

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(1) One hundred fifty dollars per tournament license;

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(2) Two hundred fifty dollars for a monthly license; and

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(3) Three thousand dollars for an annual license; and

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B. For tournament games that exceed 100 players:

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(1) Three hundred dollars for a tournament game with 101 to 150 players;

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(2) Four hundred dollars for a tournament game with 151 to 200 players;

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(3) Five hundred dollars for a tournament game with 201 to 250 players; and

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(4) Six hundred dollars for a tournament game with 251 to 300 players.

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**Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

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**4. Tournament.** The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this section shall display the rules of the tournament game and the license issued. The maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament game is held on premises owned by the licensee, in which case the maximum number of players allowed

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1 is 300. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is  
2 prohibited as part of tournament game play. The maximum entry fee to play in the  
3 tournament game is \$100, except the organization may add to the player entry fee to  
4 defray the cost of the license fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all  
5 players does not exceed ~~\$200~~ \$125. An organization that holds a per tournament license  
6 may collect up to \$150 to defray the cost of the license fee. Only one entry fee is  
7 permitted per person. A tournament game must be completed within 48 hours. Other  
8 games of chance on the premises are prohibited during a tournament game, except for  
9 lucky seven or similar sealed tickets and no more than one 50/50 raffle per tournament  
10 with a prize value up to \$1,000. This subsection does not prohibit a licensee from  
11 conducting one winner-take-all hand per tournament game with a bet limit of \$5. The  
12 total number of bets received in a winner-take-all round must be awarded to the winner or  
13 in the case of multiple winners divided among them as evenly as possible. All prizes  
14 awarded in accordance with this subsection must be paid in cash.'

### 15 SUMMARY

16 This amendment reduces the number of monthly tournament games proposed by the  
17 bill from 5 to 2. It replaces the license fee section of the bill with a fee structure that  
18 allows for a tournament that does not exceed 100 players to have a per tournament,  
19 monthly or annual license fee. For tournament games with over 100 players, the per  
20 tournament fee structure is the same as in existing law. The amendment also clarifies that  
21 the total amount of bets received for winner-take-all rounds must be paid to the winner or  
22 winners of the round and that all prizes awarded in conjunction with tournament games  
23 must be cash.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



Approved: 04/28/11 *mac*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 974

LR 489(02)

## An Act To Revise the Laws on Tournament Games

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

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation increases the number of tournament games of chance that can be held by eligible organizations from 1 to 2 per month. Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with inspecting the increased number of tournament games of chance can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of Public Safety may increase by a minor amount due to the change in license fee structure.