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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 881

House of Representatives, March 21, 2011

### An Act To Support Maine Veterans Nonprofit Corporations

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and  
Representatives: CAREY of Lewiston, COTTA of China, CROCKETT of Bethel, DUNPHY  
of Embden, PRIEST of Brunswick, RUSSELL of Portland, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1036, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

3 **2-C. Distribution from casino of gambling revenue.** A casino operator shall  
4 collect and distribute 2% of all revenue derived from gambling activities conducted by  
5 the operator to the Casino Veterans Fund as established in section 1037.

6 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1037** is enacted to read:

7 **§1037. Casino Veterans Fund**

8 **1. Fund established.** The Casino Veterans Fund, referred to in this section as "the  
9 fund," is established.

10 **2. Sources of funds.** The fund derives money from appropriations, allocations,  
11 donations and revenue derived from gambling activities under section 1036, subsection  
12 2-C.

13 **3. Purpose.** The fund shall disburse grants to nonprofit corporations under Title  
14 13-B that support or assist veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States that qualify  
15 under subsection 4.

16 **4. Administration.** The board shall appoint a 15-member governing committee to  
17 administer the fund. The governing committee established under this subsection shall  
18 adopt criteria for grants to be awarded from the fund to carry out the purpose of the fund  
19 under subsection 3, including the application process, recipient qualifications and the  
20 terms and conditions under which grants may be awarded from the fund. The expenses of  
21 administering the fund must be paid by proceeds of the fund.

22 **5. Nonlapsing.** Any funds remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year do not  
23 lapse but carry forward to the next fiscal year. The board may invest proceeds of the fund  
24 in an interest-bearing account.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill establishes the Casino Veterans Fund, funded by 2% of casino gambling  
27 revenues, to award grants to nonprofit corporations that support or assist veterans of the  
28 Armed Forces of the United States.