

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 19, 2013

### **An Act Regarding Games of Chance Operated by Snowmobile Clubs**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and  
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, DAVIS of Sangerville, EVANGELOS of Friendship,  
GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOHNSON of Eddington, KESCHL of Belgrade, SAUCIER of Presque  
Isle, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1835, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

3 **8. Wager limit exception.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, an organization  
4 established with the primary purpose of supporting the activity of snowmobile riding and  
5 the maintenance of snowmobile trails in the State that is licensed to conduct games of  
6 chance in accordance with this chapter is permitted to accept wagers up to \$50 per hand  
7 for a poker run. The organization must inform the Chief of the State Police 30 days in  
8 advance of the date when the organization intends to conduct a poker run with an  
9 increased wager limit. An organization is limited to 2 poker run events per calendar year  
10 in which wagers up to \$50 per hand are permitted. For the purposes of this subsection,  
11 "poker run" means a game of chance using playing cards that requires a player to travel  
12 from one geographic location to another in order to play the game.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill creates an exception to the bet limit for a game of chance that is part of a  
15 poker run conducted by a snowmobile club. The exception permits a snowmobile club to  
16 accept wagers of up to \$50 per hand. A snowmobile club is limited to 2 poker run events  
17 per year in which the club is permitted to accept the increased wagers.