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House of Representatives, February 5, 2015

An Act To Reduce the Annual High-stakes Beano Fee from \$50,000 to \$12,500

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Presented by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation. Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, RUSSELL of Portland.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** passage of this legislation is necessary to ensure the continued operation 4 of high-stakes beano gaming by the Penobscot Nation; and
- 5 **Whereas,** many jobs and the operation of an elderly assisted living center depend 6 upon high-stakes beano gaming; and
- 7 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before next year's license fee to 8 operate high-stakes beano games becomes due; and

9 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 12 therefore,

- 13 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 14 Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 410, §2, is further 15 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 to 2013 is \$25,000 \$12,500. 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.

- 21 Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to July 1, 2014.
- 22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 23 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 24 SUMMARY
- 25 This bill sets the fee for a high-stakes beano license, currently \$50,000, at \$12,500.