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An Act To Allow for Super Cribbage Tournaments

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARD of Dedham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HANINGTON of Lincoln,
KINNEY of Limington, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, SCHNECK of Bangor, TURNER of
Burlington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

3 **4-A. Exception for super cribbage tournament.** Notwithstanding any provision of
4 this section to the contrary, the Chief of the State Police may issue up to 3 licenses per
5 year for the conduct of a super cribbage tournament. For the purposes of this subsection,
6 "cribbage" means a card game that uses a board and pegs to keep score and of which the
7 characteristic feature is a crib into which players discard cards from their dealt hand to
8 create a crib of 4 cards unseen by other players that will be ultimately part of the dealer's
9 hand. A super cribbage tournament must be conducted in the same manner as prescribed
10 for a tournament game by this section except as follows.

11 A. The super cribbage tournament may be conducted by a nationally chartered
12 organization that organizes tournament-style cribbage games, and that is exempt from
13 taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3) so long as
14 the principal organizer has been a member of that organization for a period of not less
15 than 3 years.

16 B. The minimum number of players allowed is 75.

17 C. The super cribbage tournament need not be held on premises owned by the
18 licensee.

19 D. The super cribbage tournament may be conducted over a period of up to 72 hours.

20 E. Notwithstanding subsection 2, the proceeds of the super cribbage tournament after
21 prizes are paid may be retained by the licensee.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 The purpose of this bill is to support and enhance tourism in the State by authorizing
24 the Chief of the State Police to issue up to 3 licenses per year for the conduct of a super
25 cribbage tournament.