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In Senate, February 7, 2017

**An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Obtain Licenses To Operate
Beano or Bingo Games**

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
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and
Senators: CHENETTE of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec,
DIAMOND of Cumberland, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: HANINGTON of
Lincoln, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, STANLEY of Medway.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §315**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 339, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **§315. Seasonal licenses**

5 Notwithstanding sections 314 and 319, the Chief of the State Police may issue ~~up to~~
6 ~~40 a seasonal licenses~~ license to operate beano or bingo games ~~in a calendar year~~,
7 including those designed to attract players under 16 years of age, in bona fide resort
8 hotels or licensed campgrounds as long as the conditions prescribed by this section are
9 met. For the purposes of this section, "resort hotel" means a full-service hotel facility that
10 offers leisure or recreational activities such as golf, tennis, water sports or horseback
11 riding. For the purposes of this section, "licensed campground" means a campground
12 licensed pursuant to Title 22, section 2492.

13 **1. Operated on-site.** The beano or bingo games must be operated and conducted in
14 those resort hotels or licensed campgrounds by the management without profit and solely
15 for the entertainment of registered guests or patrons of that resort hotel or licensed
16 campground.

17 **2. Player fee prohibited.** A licensee under this section may not charge an entry fee
18 or any fee to participate in a beano or bingo game.

19 **3. Minors.** Prizes awarded for the play of beano or bingo under this section must be
20 nonmonetary and valued at less than \$10 ~~and may be awarded to a single player no more~~
21 ~~than once every 24 hours.~~ Notwithstanding section 319, a person under 16 years of age
22 may be admitted to the playing area without an adult and may participate in the game as
23 long as the game is not conducted in a room or area where alcoholic beverages are
24 served. Beano or bingo games under this section may not be conducted with any other
25 gambling activity, including games of chance under chapter 62. For purposes of this
26 subsection, "nonmonetary prize" includes a credit for food served on the premises of the
27 resort hotel or licensed campground.

28 The annual fee for a license issued pursuant to this section is ~~\$10~~ may not exceed
29 \$100 and must be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund. A
30 hotel or liquor license of a resort hotel licensee or the license of a licensed campground
31 may not be withheld because of the conducting by the resort hotel or licensed
32 campground of beano or bingo games. The Chief of the State Police shall adopt routine
33 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A as necessary to
34 implement the fee provisions of this section.

35 Nothing in this section permits the operation or conduct of beano or bingo games
36 without a license.

37 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill amends current law concerning the licensing of beano and bingo games in
39 resort hotels. The bill adds campgrounds to the licensing provisions, removes the

1 restriction on the number of seasonal licenses that may be issued and changes the license
2 fee from \$10 to up to \$100.