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L.D. 34
(Filing No. H-92)

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 35, L.D. 34, Bill, "An Act To Exempt Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations from Cribbage Tournament Licensing Requirements"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Clarify Game of Chance Licensing Requirements'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§17, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

C. Any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property, or of any interest therein, ~~or involving extension of a service, entertainment or a privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge.~~

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §952, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

10. "Something of value" means any money or property, any token, object or article exchangeable for money or property, or any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property, or of any interest therein, ~~or involving extension of a service, entertainment or a privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge.~~

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Under current law, an organization must obtain a license to hold or conduct a game of chance, including a card game, if the players risk something of value for the opportunity to win something of value. The

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 35, L.D. 34

- 1 amendment modifies the definition of "something of value" to clarify that a license is not
- 2 required merely because players are entitled to play the game of chance for free or to be
- 3 entertained for free while playing the game.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Exempt Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations from Cribbage Tournament Licensing Requirements

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-92)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$1,395)	(\$1,860)	(\$1,860)	(\$1,860)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changes to the definition of "something of value" will eliminate the need for organizations to seek a license when allowing the casual play of games of chance that does not involve gambling. The effect of these changes in future fiscal years will be fewer organizations seeking a license. As a result, license revenue to the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety will decrease by \$1,395 in fiscal year 2019-20 and by \$1,860 annually beginning in fiscal year 2020-21.