

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## 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. 113, L.D. 131, Bill, "An Act To Permit a Veterans Organization To Lease Its Facility to an Organization That Is Registered To Operate Beano or Bingo Games without Obtaining a Commercial Beano Hall Permit"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this Act exempts a veterans organization from the requirement to obtain a commercial beano hall permit in order to lease its facility to an organization registered to operate "beano" or "bingo" games; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary that this Act take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure that veterans organizations that rent their facilities for "beano" or "bingo" games during the summer may do so without obtaining the permit required under current law; and

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

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §313-C, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ, §7, is amended to read:

C. A bona fide nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization that has been in existence and founded, chartered or organized in the State for at least 2 years prior to its registration; and

**1. Permit required.** An individual, corporation, partnership or unincorporated association may not rent or lease space for profit to a licensee an organization registered under section 313-C to hold, conduct or operate "Beano" or "Bingo" unless a commercial beano hall permit is obtained from the Gambling Control Unit.

**6. Membership in registered organization.** The permittee or the permittee's employee may not be a member of a licensee an organization registered under section 313-C renting or leasing the commercial beano hall.

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill and makes technical changes to the statutes governing "beano" and "bingo." The amendment clarifies that a charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization that seeks to obtain a registration to conduct "beano" or "bingo" must be a bona fide nonprofit organization.

**(See attached)**



Approved: 03/06/19 *mac*

# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment** *A(H-16)*

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$500)	(\$500)	(\$500)	(\$500)

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The removal of the requirement that a veterans organization register for a commercial beano hall permit to lease its facility to another organization registered to operate beano or bingo games will reduce revenue to the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety by \$500 annually beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020. Any additional costs to the Gambling Control Unit as a result of clarifications to the rules regarding the licensing of commercial beano games are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.