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An Act To Legalize Online Raffles for Nonprofit Organizations

(EMERGENCY)

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, FARRIN of Somerset, LUCHINI of Hancock, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: KINNEY of Knox.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4	Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to provide funding for nonprofit organizations as soon as possible; and
5 6 7 8	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,
9	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
10	Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:
11 12 13	7. Online sales of chances or tickets. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 may sell raffle chances or tickets online or by other electronic means when conducting a raffle pursuant to this section.
14 15	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
16	SUMMARY
17 18	This bill allows nonprofit organizations to sell raffle chances or tickets online or by other electronic means.