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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1140,
L.D. 1777, "An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through
Internet Gaming"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 9 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 9. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election;
form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the
State at a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act.
The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,
towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide
election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following
question:

"Do you favor allowing each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or
band in this State to operate Internet gaming pursuant to a license from the
Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question
and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square
below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared
in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in
the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the
returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the Governor shall
proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of
the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this
referendum.'

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

SENATE AMENDMENT

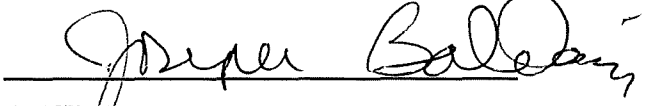
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1140, L.D. 1777 (S-706)

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SUMMARY

This amendment removes the appropriations and allocations section and makes the provisions of the legislation contingent upon approval by the voters at referendum.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator BALDACCI, J.)

COUNTY: Penobscot

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



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LD 1777

LR 963(04)

An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-706)

Sponsor: Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$232,062)	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$673,937)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$85,000)	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$441,875)	\$0	\$0

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-24	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$266,000 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will make the provisions of the bill contingent upon approval by the voters at a referendum. Because this vote will not occur until November 2024 and the Gambling Control Unit will delay rulemaking until after the referendum, appropriations and allocations are removed from fiscal year 2024-25 and any revenue impact will be delayed until fiscal year 2025-2026, contingent on the referendum results.