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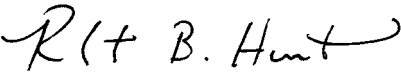
No. 1944

H.P. 1248

House of Representatives, May 16, 2023

An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. State to negotiate with federally recognized Indian tribes for casino**
3 **license.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, chapter 31, the State shall
4 negotiate with any federally recognized Indian tribe in this State or any combination of
5 federally recognized Indian tribes in this State that wishes to own and operate a casino on
6 tribal land for a license to operate a casino. The State also may negotiate with all of the
7 federally recognized Indian tribes in this State for a license to operate a casino on land that
8 is not owned by the tribes in a county other than Penobscot County or Oxford County. The
9 license to operate a casino on land that is not owned by the tribes would be in addition to
10 licenses negotiated to operate casinos on tribal land. The negotiations between the State
11 and a federally recognized Indian tribe, combination of tribes or all of the tribes must
12 include but are not limited to taxes and regulations governing the casino.

13 **SUMMARY**

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15 this State or any combination of federally recognized Indian tribes in this State that wishes
16 to own and operate a casino on tribal land for a license to operate a casino. The State also
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