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In Senate, February 15, 2024

**An Act to Support Veterans' Organizations and Other Nonprofit  
Organizations and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes by Updating  
Electronic Gambling Laws**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor and

Senators: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, SUPICA of Bangor, TERRY of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ,  
3 §9, is further amended to read:

4 A. The Gambling Control Unit may also issue, to a federally recognized Indian tribe,  
5 licenses to sell lucky seven or other similar sealed tickets ~~in accordance with section~~  
6 ~~324-A.~~

7 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ,  
8 §10, is further amended to read:

9 **1-A. Sealed tickets.** The Gambling Control Unit may also accept a registration from  
10 a federally recognized Indian tribe licensed under this section to sell lucky seven or ~~other~~  
11 similar sealed tickets ~~in accordance with section 324-A, including electronic versions of~~  
12 lucky seven or similar sealed tickets. The licensee may operate ~~a dispenser~~ electronic lucky  
13 seven devices to sell the lucky seven or ~~other~~ similar sealed tickets. As used in this  
14 subsection, ~~"dispenser"~~ "electronic lucky seven device" means a mechanical or electrical  
15 device or machine that, upon the insertion of money, credit, a voucher or something of  
16 value, ~~dispenses printed~~ displays electronic lucky seven or ~~other~~ similar sealed tickets. The  
17 element of chance must be provided by the electronic ticket itself, ~~not by the dispenser.~~  
18 The Gambling Control Unit may adopt rules to facilitate the use of ~~dispensers~~ electronic  
19 lucky seven devices. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules  
20 as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §324-A, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ,  
22 §25, is further amended to read:

23 C. Lucky seven or similar sealed tickets may be sold when that game of chance is  
24 registered with the Gambling Control Unit and when a valid license or registration  
25 certificate is properly displayed. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section  
26 and section 312, lucky seven games may be conducted ~~during the period beginning 2~~  
27 ~~hours before and ending 2 hours after a "beano" game~~ at any time.

28 Notwithstanding any other rule, lucky seven or other similar sealed tickets may be sold  
29 that have a sale value of \$1 or less, and a person who sells or distributes "beano" cards  
30 or materials used to play "beano" prior to the conduct of "beano" as a volunteer, as  
31 provided in this section, is permitted to play in the "beano" game.

32 **Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

33 **3-A. Electronic lucky seven device.** "Electronic lucky seven device" means a  
34 mechanical or electrical device or machine that, upon the insertion of money, credit, a  
35 voucher or something of value, displays electronic lucky seven or similar sealed tickets.

36 **Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

37 **8-A. Lucky seven or similar sealed tickets.** "Lucky seven or similar sealed tickets"  
38 means tickets or cards with preprinted symbols, numbers or other figures that are hidden  
39 by an opaque removable material or electronic representations of such tickets or cards that  
40 are displayed to a player using an electronic lucky seven device. Each ticket or card  
41 represents a chance to win a specific single prize or specific single set of prizes. A winning

1 ticket or card contains a predetermined winning configuration of symbols, numbers or other  
2 figures.

3 **Sec. 6. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

4 **9. Electronic lucky seven devices.** The Gambling Control Unit may issue a license  
5 to operate electronic lucky seven devices to any eligible organization described in  
6 subsection 2. The Gambling Control Unit may adopt rules to facilitate the use of electronic  
7 lucky seven devices.

8 A. Electronic lucky seven devices may be operated only for the exclusive benefit of  
9 the licensee, except that up to 50% of the gross revenue from the operation of the  
10 devices may be paid to the distributor as a rental fee and for service and repair of the  
11 devices. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, a licensee may rent or lease  
12 an electronic lucky seven device from a distributor.

13 B. No more than 9 electronic lucky seven devices may be operated on the licensee's  
14 premises. A licensee shall operate at least one redemption kiosk for the redemption of  
15 electronic lucky seven vouchers.

16 C. A licensee may operate an electronic lucky seven device only on the licensee's  
17 premises.

18 D. Each electronic lucky seven deal must contain a fixed number of tickets. The  
19 maximum number of electronic lucky seven or similar sealed tickets per deal may not  
20 exceed 25,000.

21 E. An electronic lucky seven device licensed under this subsection may not be operated  
22 in a manner that meets the definition of "illegal gambling machine" in Title 17-A,  
23 section 952, subsection 5-A.

24 **Sec. 7. 17 MRSA §1834, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

25 **8. Operation of electronic lucky seven devices.** The fee for a license or registration  
26 to operate electronic lucky seven devices is \$700 for a calendar year.

27 **Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §952, sub-§5-A, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 487, Pt. B,  
28 §11, is further amended to read:

29 C. That is not a machine that a person may lawfully operate pursuant to a license that  
30 has been issued under Title 17, chapter 62 or that is operated by the Department of  
31 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery  
32 Operations; ~~and~~

33 **Sec. 9. 17-A MRSA §952, sub-§5-A, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A,  
34 §7 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

35 D. That is not a slot machine registered pursuant to Title 8, section 1020 and owned  
36 by a slot machine distributor licensed pursuant to Title 8, section 1013; and

37 **Sec. 10. 17-A MRSA §952, sub-§5-A, ¶E** is enacted to read:

38 E. That is not an electronic lucky seven device licensed or registered pursuant to Title  
39 17, section 1832 and used by either an eligible organization licensed or registered  
40 pursuant to Title 17, section 1832, subsection 9 or a federally recognized Indian tribe

