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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1395, L.D. 2080, "An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1203, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

C. The methods of operation of sports wagering, including but not limited to the permitted systems and methods of wagers; the use of credit and checks by persons making wagers, which must prohibit a person from making a wager using a credit card; the types of wagering receipts that may be used; the method of issuing receipts; the prevention of sports wagering on prohibited sports events; the protection of patrons placing wagers; and the promotion of social responsibility and responsible gaming and display of information on resources for problem gambling at a facility operator's premises or on any mobile application or digital platform used to place wagers;

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1203, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

F. Minimum design and security requirements for the physical premises of facility operators in which sports wagering is conducted, including but not limited to minimum requirements for the acceptance of wagers at a self-serve kiosk located on the premises and minimum required methods for verifying the identity and age of a person who places a wager with a facility operator, for verifying that the person making a wager is not prohibited from making a wager under section 1213, for ensuring that a person does not use a credit card to make a wager and for requiring the refund of any wager

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1 determined to have been placed by a person prohibited from making a wager under
2 section 1213;

3 **Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1203, sub-§2, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is
4 amended to read:

5 G. Minimum design and security requirements for mobile applications and digital
6 platforms for the acceptance of wagers by mobile operators, including required
7 methods for verifying the age and identity of a person who places a wager with a mobile
8 operator, for verifying that the person making the wager is physically located in the
9 State and is not prohibited from making a wager under section 1213, for ensuring that
10 a person does not use a credit card to make a wager and for requiring the refund of any
11 wager determined to have been placed by a person prohibited from making a wager
12 under section 1213;

13 **Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1214-A** is enacted to read:

14 **§1214-A. Credit cards prohibited**

15 An operator and a management services licensee under section 1209 conducting sports
16 wagering on behalf of an operator may not accept a wager on a sports event from a person
17 using a credit card.

18 **Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1403, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2025, c. 538, §4, is amended
19 to read:

20 A. The methods of operation of Internet gaming, including but not limited to the
21 permitted systems and methods of wagers; the use of credit and checks by persons
22 making wagers, which must prohibit a person from making a wager using a credit card;
23 the types of wagering receipts that may be used; the method of issuing receipts; the
24 protection of patrons placing wagers; and the promotion of social responsibility and
25 responsible gaming and display of information on resources for problem gambling;

26 **Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1403, sub-§2, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2025, c. 538, §4, is amended
27 to read:

28 C. Minimum design and security requirements for applications and digital platforms
29 for the acceptance of wagers by operators, including required methods for verifying
30 the age and identity of a person who places a wager with an operator, for verifying that
31 the person making the wager is physically located in the State and is not prohibited
32 from making a wager under section 1412, for ensuring that a person does not use a
33 credit card to make a wager and for requiring the refund of any wager determined to
34 have been placed by a person prohibited from making a wager under section 1412;

35 **Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1412-A** is enacted to read:

36 **§1412-A. Credit cards prohibited**

37 An operator and a management services licensee under section 1408 conducting
38 Internet gaming on behalf of an operator may not accept a wager from a person using a
39 credit card.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment prohibits an operator and a management services licensee conducting either sports wagering or Internet gaming on behalf of an operator from accepting wagers from a person using a credit card. It also provides that, when adopting rules for the method of operation of sports wagering and Internet gaming and for the minimum design and security requirements for sports wagering and Internet gaming, the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety must ensure that a person does not use a credit card to make a wager.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2080

LR 2768(02)

An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-861)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.