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**CHAPTER 457
H.P. 158 - L.D. 193**

**An Act To Amend the Laws
Governing Tournament Games**

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 610, §1, is further amended to read:

3. License. The license fee for a tournament game license is ~~\$200 per tournament.~~ as follows:

- A. Two hundred dollars for tournaments with up to 100 players;
- B. Three hundred dollars for tournaments with 101 to 150 players;
- C. Four hundred dollars for tournaments with 151 to 200 players;
- D. Five hundred dollars for tournaments with 201 to 250 players; and
- E. Six hundred dollars for tournaments with 251 to 300 players.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 610, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Tournament. The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this section shall display the rules of the game and the license issued to conduct the tournament. The maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament is held on premises owned by the licensee, in which case the maximum number of players allowed is 300. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is prohibited as part of tournament play. The maximum entry fee to play in the tournament is \$100, except the organization may add to the player entry fee to defray the cost of the license fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all players does not exceed \$200. Only one entry fee is permitted per person. A tournament must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of chance are prohibited, except for lucky seven or similar sealed tickets.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 610, §3, is further amended to read:

5. Proceeds. ~~Seventy-five percent~~ No less than 75% of the entry fees under subsection 4 must be paid as prizes to the winners of the tournament.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 458
H.P. 318 - L.D. 430**

**An Act To Allow the Licensing
of Minibars in Hotel Rooms**

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§19-A is enacted to read:

19-A. Minibar. "Minibar" means a self-contained, locking cabinet, refrigerated or unrefrigerated, designed for the storage, dispensation and sale of alcoholic beverages and related merchandise.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Minibar license. The bureau may issue a license for the placement of a minibar to an operator of a hotel licensed under section 1061 or in accordance with the license required by Title 30-A, section 3811 subject to the following conditions and applicable rules established by the bureau:

- A. The fee for a minibar license for a hotel holding an existing license under section 1061 is \$100 annually plus \$5 for each room in which a minibar is placed, not to exceed a maximum of \$900 per hotel;
- B. The fee for a minibar license for a hotel holding an existing license under Title 30-A, section 3811 is \$200 annually plus \$10 for each room in which a minibar is placed;
- C. A minibar may be stocked with beer, wine and distilled spirits as well as other complementary merchandise;
- D. Supplies of beer and wine for a hotel minibar must be purchased from a wholesale licensee;
- E. Supplies of distilled spirits for a hotel minibar must be purchased from an agency liquor store;
- F. A hotel must maintain invoices for all alcoholic beverages stocked in a minibar and must maintain records of all sales of alcoholic beverages sold or dispensed from a minibar;
- G. A minibar must be equipped with a secure locking device that may be unlocked only by persons 21 years of age or older;
- H. A hotel room equipped with a minibar may be rented only to a person who is 21 years of age or older and who has demonstrated proof of age by presenting proper identification as described in section 2087 unless the minibar is secured in a manner that prevents access by a person under 21 years of age;