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B. The vehicle is leased by a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate under this subsection; or

C. The vehicle is leased by the employer of a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate and the employer has assigned the vehicle exclusively to the veteran. The employer must attest in writing that the veteran will have exclusive use of the vehicle and agrees to the display of the special veteran plate.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 356, §12 and PL 2019, c. 377, §6, is further amended to read:

3-A. Motorcycle plates; veterans. In addition to any plate issued pursuant to subsection 3, the Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the registration fee required by section 515, subsection 1, shall issue a registration certificate and a special veterans registration plate for ~~up to 3~~ any designated motorcycles owned or controlled by a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged or to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and continues to serve.

Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, or a letter from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service.

The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special veterans registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

Upon request the Secretary of State shall issue special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle that are also vanity plates. These plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. Vanity plates issued under this subsection may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

The surviving spouse of a recipient of a special veterans registration plate issued in accordance with this subsection may retain and use the plate or plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the plate or plates, but may retain them. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the plate or plates, but may not use them.

The Secretary of State may not issue special commemorative decals under subsection 5 or 6 for use on special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

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CHAPTER 86

S.P. 76 - L.D. 147

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Regarding Certain Raffles
Conducted by Eligible
Organizations**

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 119, §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 tournament game and the license issued. The maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament game 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 game play. The maximum entry fee to play in the tournament game 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 \$125. Only one entry fee is permitted per person. A tournament game must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of chance on the premises are prohibited during a tournament game, except for high-hand competitions under subsection 7, lucky seven or similar sealed tickets and no more than one 50/50 raffle per tournament with a prize value up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000. All prizes awarded in accordance with this subsection must be paid in cash or by check.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 129, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Raffle with a noncash prize greater than \$2,500 but not greater than \$10,000. Except for raffles conducted by an eligible organization under subsection 4, a person or organization may conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize offered to the holder of the winning chance is greater than \$2,500 and does not exceed \$10,000 upon the acceptance of a registration by the Gambling Control Unit. The Gambling Control Unit may not accept a registration for a raffle under this subsection unless the registration states a verifiable charitable purpose for which the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit. If the raffle is conducted in a manner in which there are multiple winning

chances, the total value of all prizes offered may not exceed a value of \$10,000. A prize offered for a raffle conducted under this subsection may not be in the form of cash and, notwithstanding subsection 8, may not be exchanged for cash.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 129, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Raffle with a noncash prize of up to \$75,000 \$150,000 or a cash prize of up to \$20,000 \$10,000 per holder of a winning chance conducted by eligible organization. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 may register with the Gambling Control Unit to conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize or prizes awarded to the holder of a winning chance or to the holders of the winning chances does not exceed:

- A. ~~Seventy five thousand dollars~~ Exceed \$150,000 that is not in the form of cash and, notwithstanding subsection 8, may not be exchanged for cash; or
- B. ~~Twenty thousand dollars in cash, with no~~ Include more than one \$10,000 cash prize for ~~the~~ each holder of a winning chance.

At the time of registration, the eligible organization shall state a verifiable charitable purpose that the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit.

Beginning December 1, 2024, the Gambling Control Unit shall adjust every 2 years the noncash prize dollar value based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$100.

Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 129, §3, is amended to read:

6. Multiple raffles. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 may conduct more than one raffle at a time that meet the requirements of subsections 2-A, 3 and 4, ~~except that an eligible organization may not conduct more than one registered raffle at the same time under subsection 4, paragraph A and may not conduct more than one registered raffle at the same time under subsection 4, paragraph B. This subsection does not prevent an eligible organization from conducting one registered raffle under subsection 4, paragraph A at the same time that the eligible organization conducts one registered raffle under subsection 4, paragraph B.~~ When an eligible organization conducts multiple raffles as permitted by this subsection, the eligible organization is not required to begin and end those raffles on the same dates.

Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Lottery ticket as noncash prize; total value. A lottery ticket offered as a prize in a raffle held in

accordance with this section is considered a noncash prize and the total value of the lottery ticket is determined by the purchase price of the lottery ticket and not by the potential or actual value of the lottery ticket winnings.

Sec. 6. 17 MRSA §1839, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §27, is further amended to read:

1. Records required. Each licensee or registrant shall keep a record of all financial transactions involving games operated under this chapter. ~~The~~ Except for records kept by eligible organizations operating raffles under section 1837-A, the records must include an exact account of all gross revenue from the games, an itemization of all allowable expenses, including, but not limited to, the cost of prizes, printing, licenses and administration, and the disposition of all proceeds, including, but not limited to, all gifts, grants and payments to any person, firm, corporation, association or organization for any purpose whatsoever. All financial records involving games operated under this chapter must be separate and distinguishable from other records of the organization. Revenue from more than one game operated under this chapter may be entered into one account.

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CHAPTER 87

H.P. 94 - L.D. 153

An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §701, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 663, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The county commissioners shall hold a public hearing in the county on ~~these~~ the estimates before the end of the county's fiscal year. ~~They~~ At least 10 days before the hearing, the county commissioners shall publish a notice of the hearing at least 10 days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. ~~Written and provide written~~ notice and a copy of the estimates must be sent by mail or delivered in person to the clerk of each municipality in the county at least 10 days before the hearing by e-mail, regular mail or delivery in person to the clerk, except that the county commissioners shall provide the written notice and a copy of the estimates by