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wholly owned by a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State; must prohibit the use of misleading, deceptive or false sports wagering advertising; and must restrict, to the extent permissible, the marketing or advertising of sports wagering that is designed to reach or to appeal to persons under 21 years of age.

Operators must remit 10% of their adjusted gross sports wagering receipts to the State. One percent of adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the General Fund for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Unit; 1% of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund; 0.55% of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be distributed by the State Harness Racing Commission to entities that conduct live harness racing in the State; 0.55% of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the Sire Stakes Fund; and 0.4% of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the Agricultural Fair Promotion Fund, which is established to provide monetary support to eligible nonprofit organizations that have had, for at least the preceding 25 years, a sole or primary purpose of promoting agricultural fairs in the State. The remaining adjusted gross sports wagering receipts remitted to the State must be deposited in the General Fund.

Part J of Public Law 2021, chapter 681 also establishes that each federally recognized Indian tribe in the State has the right to conduct mobile gaming under any law of the State newly authorizing such mobile gaming that is enacted on or after the effective date of this legislation.

LD 598 An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Employment and School Based on Hair Texture or Style

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 643 amends the Maine Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination in employment and education based on hair texture or hairstyle. It also provides that use of the term “race” within the relevant subchapters of the Maine Human Rights Act includes traits that are associated with race, including hair texture, Afro hairstyles and protective hairstyles. “Protective hairstyles” includes braids, twists and locks. The text of Public Law 2021, chapter 643 is based on language adopted in Maryland and referred to as the CROWN Act, which is an acronym for Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair.

LD 679 An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Warrant System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 684 directs the State Court Administrator to establish a secure system for the application, issuance and return of arrest warrants and search warrants that is electronic and that provides access to authorized users statewide. Once established, the electronic warrant system may be used to apply for a search warrant or an arrest warrant when the application is presented to a District Court judge or a Superior Court justice or to a justice of the peace who is authorized