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LD 671 An Act To Allow the Sale of Raffle Tickets Online

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 136 authorizes an agricultural society, bona fide nonprofit organization, volunteer fire department or auxiliary to register with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to operate a raffle for which entrants purchase tickets over the Internet under the following conditions.

1. The Internet raffle must be conducted by a licensed Internet raffle operator using a mobile application or digital electronic platform that has been certified by the Gambling Control Unit or an approved independent testing laboratory. An Internet raffle operator may not retain more than 10% of the raffle proceeds as payment for conducting an Internet raffle.
2. Only persons who are at least 18 years of age and who are physically located within the State may purchase an Internet raffle ticket. Internet raffles may not be marketed to minors and the mobile application or digital electronic platform must facilitate the use of parental controls to prevent minors from purchasing tickets.
3. A person who purchases a ticket must deposit the funds used to purchase the ticket in a raffle account. Credit card purchases and extensions of credit from an Internet raffle operator are prohibited.

Public Law 2021, chapter 136 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2021.

LD 693 An Act To Make the Pilot Program Providing Mental Health Case Management Services to Veterans a Permanent Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 430 modifies the pilot program established by Resolve 2017, chapter 24 and codifies the program in statute. Under the modified program, the Department of Health and Human Services must provide contracted case management services that offer necessary mental health treatment to veterans who are residents of the State; who served in the Armed Forces of the United States or who served or are currently serving in the Maine Army National Guard, Maine Air National Guard or the Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States; who have received mental health diagnoses or mental health disability ratings from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and who meet any other criteria established by the Department of Health and Human Services with the assistance of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veteran's Services. At least one contracted provider must have experience providing services in the northern part of the State. The law establishes the Veterans Mental Health Case Management and Services Fund as a dedicated, nonlapsing account that must be used to support the provision of case management services for veterans.