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**LD 1012 An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory**

Public Law 2025, chapter 536 establishes the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund and directs the State Liquor and Lottery Commission, in consultation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, to develop and initiate, no later than July 1, 2026, a \$4 instant lottery game to raise funds for the fund. The commission is required to provide 20% of the net proceeds of the lottery game to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund and 80% of the net proceeds to the General Fund. The commission is required to submit a report by December 15, 2028, detailing the status of the instant lottery game to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters, which may report out legislation related to the report to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

Public Law 2025, chapter 536 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 536 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 536 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to amend the date by which the commission is required to develop and initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game to no later than July 1, 2027, instead of no later than July 1, 2026. It also amends the date the commission is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters regarding the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery game to December 15, 2029, instead of December 15, 2028.

**LD 1164 An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming**

Public Law 2025, chapter 538 authorizes each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State to operate Internet gaming pursuant to a license from the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety. Only a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State is eligible to obtain a license and operate Internet gaming. The licensing structure follows the law governing sports wagering. The Gambling Control Unit shall collect and distribute 18% of adjusted gross Internet gaming receipts to the Gambling Control Unit administrative expenses Other Special Revenue Funds account, the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund, the dairy stabilization tier program, the Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund, the Emergency Housing Relief Fund, the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund, the Fund for a Healthy Maine and the School Revolving Renovation Fund.

Public Law 2025, chapter 538 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 538 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.