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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 1, line 8 and 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 'For card games that are played by placing a maximum bet of \$1 per hand or deal, the license fee is the same as provided in subsection 2.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §341, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 716, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Limits. The maximum bet for licensed games of chance, including card games in which bets are placed per hand or per deal, is \$1 for any one chance, hand or deal. Licensed card games that award part or all of the entry fees paid to participate as prize money and in which no money or thing of value is wagered except for the entry fee are limited to a \$5 daily entry fee and no more than 40 players at any one time at any one location.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies existing statutes regarding licensed card games for which the entry fee is the wager and card games in which wagers are placed per hand or per deal. The amendment retains from the bill an increase in the maximum entry fee for card games from \$1 to \$5 and an increase in the license fee for these card games from \$7.50 to \$30 per year. The amendment also limits the number of players at these card games to 40.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)