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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 418, L.D. 535, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to High-stakes Beano"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 426, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §5 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§5, ¶C, as amended by PL 2009, c. 347, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Conduct a game outside the Indian Territory of the licensed organization or for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians outside of the parcel of land listed in the Aroostook County Registry of Deeds Book 3621 4302, page 239 168.

Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Electronic beano. A federally recognized Indian tribe in the State as described in Title 30, chapters 601 and 603 eligible to conduct high-stakes beano in accordance with this section may operate electronic beano as prescribed by this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, electronic beano simulates the play of a regular nonelectronic game of beano as described by this chapter and is played on individual electronic beano terminals that are connected to a central computer system that generates beano games in a manner similar to a regular nonelectronic game of beano conducted by a person. A person playing electronic beano plays the game on an individual electronic beano terminal that displays purchased beano cards that are automatically marked by the beano terminal based on a drawing generated by a central computer system connected to the beano terminal. A drawing consists of 75 numbers and letters that correspond to the electronic beano cards. Individual electronic beano terminals may offer beano cards of varying denominations. The following requirements must be met in order to operate electronic beano:

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1 A. The manner of play for each card displayed by the individual electronic beano  
2 terminal must be clearly displayed prior to the play of the game;

3 B. The individual electronic beano terminal may not sell additional beano cards after  
4 the commencement of a round of beano. The individual electronic beano terminal  
5 may sell an additional beano card or set of cards once the previous round of beano is  
6 exhausted. This paragraph does not apply to the sale of paper or traditional beano  
7 cards;

8 C. The central computer system connected to the individual electronic beano  
9 terminals must determine the game or games of the beano round after the time period  
10 to purchase cards from the individual electronic beano terminal has ended for that  
11 round;

12 D. All beano cards of the same denomination played by the individual electronic  
13 beano terminals in a round must correspond with the same beano game generated by  
14 the central computer system;

15 E. Individual electronic beano terminals may accept cash, tokens, cards or vouchers  
16 for the purchase of beano cards but may not dispense cash. A prize awarded in  
17 conjunction with electronic beano must be in the form of a voucher that may be  
18 redeemed for cash or prizes; and

19 F. Individual electronic beano terminals and the central computer system must be  
20 connected to a monitoring system operated by a 3rd-party game testing company that  
21 provides a method of secure access via the Internet by the Chief of the State Police  
22 for the purposes of conducting audits and monitoring the operation and play of  
23 electronic beano. Any software, equipment or training necessary for the Chief of the  
24 State Police to utilize the monitoring system must be paid for by the operator of  
25 electronic beano.

26 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
27 allocations are made.

28 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

29 **Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

30 Initiative: Provides funding for one Public Safety Inspector II position and related costs to  
31 monitor and enforce regulations related to electronic beano.

32	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
33	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
34	Personal Services	\$64,012	\$68,361
35	All Other	\$5,376	\$2,876
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37	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$69,388</u>	<u>\$71,237</u>
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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill except for the emergency preamble, which the amendment retains. The amendment eliminates any restriction on the number of days that a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State may conduct high-stakes beano. The amendment changes the parcel of land on which the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may operate high-stakes beano. The amendment also provides that those eligible to conduct high-stakes beano may operate electronic beano. Electronic beano is played on individual electronic beano terminals connected to a central computer system that simulates traditional beano. Individual electronic beano terminals automatically mark purchased beano cards and may accept cash, cards, tokens or vouchers but may not dispense cash. A prize awarded for winning electronic beano must be in the form of a voucher that may be redeemed for cash or prizes. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**