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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 985, L.D. 1344, Bill, “An Act To Fund Commuter and Passenger Rail Transportation in Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1036, sub-§2-A, as enacted by IB 2009, c. 2, §45, is amended to read:

2-A. Distribution from casino of slot machine income. A casino operator shall collect and distribute 46% of the net slot machine income from slot machines operated by the casino operator to the board for distribution by the board as follows:

- A. Twenty-five percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded directly by the board to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit the money to the Department of Education, to be used to supplement and not to supplant funding for essential programs and services for kindergarten to grade 12 under Title 20-A, chapter 606-B;
- B. Four percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund created in Title 20-A, section 10909;
- C. Three percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System to be applied by the board of trustees to fund its scholarships program under Title 20-A, section 12716, subsection 1;
- D. Four percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the Treasurer of State, who shall distribute the funds to the tribal governments of the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe;
- E. Three percent of the net slot machine income must be deposited to the General Fund for administrative expenses of the board, including gambling addiction counseling services, in accordance with rules adopted by the board;
- F. Two percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded directly to the municipality in which the casino is located;

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1 G. One percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the
2 Treasurer of State, who shall credit the money to the Agricultural Fair Support Fund
3 established in Title 7, section 91;

4 H. One percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the
5 Treasurer of State, who shall credit the money to the fund established in section 298
6 to supplement harness racing purses;

7 I. One percent of the net slot machine income must be credited by the board to the
8 Sire Stakes Fund created in section 281;

9 J. One percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded directly to the
10 county in which the casino is located to pay for mitigation of costs resulting from
11 gaming operations; and

12 K. One percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the
13 Treasurer of State, who shall credit the money to the Department of Agriculture,
14 Food and Rural Resources to fund dairy farm stabilization pursuant to Title 7, section
15 3153-B.

16 If a recipient of net slot machine income in paragraph D, H or I owns or receives funds
17 from a slot machine facility or casino, other than the casino in Oxford County or the slot
18 machine facility in Bangor, then the recipient may not receive funds under this
19 subsection, and those funds must be ~~retained by the Oxford County casino operator~~
20 forwarded by the board to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit the money to the State
21 Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund established in Title 23, section 4210-B.'

22 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1-A in the first line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.)
23 by striking out the following: "**between Portland and Oxford County**"

24 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1-A in the 4th line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.)
25 by striking out the following: "and Oxford County"

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It amends the bill by
28 maintaining the distribution of revenue from slot machines operated at the Oxford County
29 casino to the Sire Stakes Fund and the harness racing purse supplement account unless
30 those funds receive slot revenue from a future facility, in which case the money would go
31 to the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund as provided in the bill. The
32 amendment also clarifies the money supports passenger rail service throughout the State,
33 not just to Oxford County.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

35 **(See attached)**