STATE OF MAINE

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An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Operate Beano or Bingo

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, economic activity from camping is limited to summer and early fall; and

Whereas, beano is a complement to what campgrounds in the State offer to residents and tourists alike; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to be enacted as an emergency in order that it can take effect for this summer's camping season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §313-B is enacted to read:

§313-B. Exemption for campgrounds

Notwithstanding section 312, subsection 1, a campground licensed under Title 22, section 2492 or a campground operated by the State or the Federal Government may conduct beano without a license as long as the following criteria are met.

1. Games for patrons only. The campground must offer games exclusively to campground patrons and guests of campground patrons. Notwithstanding section 319, patrons and guests under the age of 16 may take part in a game of beano conducted in accordance with this section.

2. Prize value. A prize awarded to a winner of a beano game may not exceed a value of $25 for any one game.

3. Proceeds. Proceeds from fees charged to campground patrons and their guests to participate in a beano game may be used only to pay for prizes awarded to players and to cover the actual costs incurred to operate the games.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.