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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1410, L.D. 2095, “An Act to Prohibit Bulk Purchasing of Tickets in Certain Lottery Games”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, there has been a rise in lottery ticket bulk purchasing activities across the country and internationally; and

Whereas, bulk purchasing activities threaten the integrity of the lottery, undermine fairness for the public player and run contrary to the legislative intent of the lottery authorized by voters in 1973; and

Whereas, bulk purchasing activities should therefore be prohibited as soon as possible; 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,'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph N in the first line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "tickets" the following: 'or shares'

Amend the bill in section 8 in §381-A in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$100,000" and inserting the following: '\$25,000'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause. It reduces the dollar amount of a purchase, in aggregate, of tickets or shares in a lottery game that is considered a bulk purchase from \$100,000 to \$25,000. It also makes a technical correction.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)