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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 605, L.D. 1490, “An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Pull-tab Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano and to Establish New Guidelines for the Expansion of Gambling”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Sealed Ticket Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano'**

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 2nd paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "authorized lucky seven or similar"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §311, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Sealed ticket game.** "Sealed ticket game" has the same meaning as in section 1831, subsection 14-B.

**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The Gambling Control Unit may also issue, to a federally recognized Indian tribe, licenses to sell ~~lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets in accordance with section 324-A.

**Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ, §10, is further amended to read:

**1-A. Sealed ticket game tickets.** The Gambling Control Unit may also accept a registration from a federally recognized Indian tribe licensed under this section to sell ~~lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets in accordance with section 324-A. The licensee may operate a dispenser to sell ~~the lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets. As used in this subsection, "dispenser" means a mechanical or electrical device or machine that, upon the insertion of money, credit or something of value, dispenses printed

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1 ~~lucky seven or other similar~~ sealed ticket game tickets. The element of chance must be  
2 provided by the ticket itself, not by the dispenser. The Gambling Control Unit may adopt  
3 rules to facilitate the use of dispensers. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are  
4 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

5 **Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §315-A, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §17,  
6 is further amended to read:

7 **5. Sealed ticket game tickets.** A limited dual beano registration does not authorize  
8 the registered organizations to sell sealed ticket game tickets jointly.

9 **Sec. 6. 17 MRSA §324-A, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ,  
10 §25, is further amended to read:

11 C. ~~Lucky seven or similar sealed~~ Sealed ticket game tickets may be sold when that  
12 game of chance is registered with the Gambling Control Unit and when a valid license  
13 or registration certificate is properly displayed. Notwithstanding the other provisions  
14 of this section and section 312, ~~lucky seven games sealed ticket games~~ may be  
15 conducted during the period beginning 2 hours before and ending 2 hours after a  
16 "beano" game.

17 Notwithstanding any other rule, ~~lucky seven or other similar sealed~~ ticket game tickets  
18 may be sold that have a sale value of \$1 or less, and a person who sells or distributes  
19 "beano" cards or materials used to play "beano" prior to the conduct of "beano" as a  
20 volunteer, as provided in this section, is permitted to play in the "beano" game.

21 **Sec. 7. 17 MRSA §326, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §27,  
22 is further amended to read:

23 **1-A. Payment of proceeds.** An organization licensed or registered to operate beano  
24 or bingo and ~~Lucky-7 sealed ticket~~ games in conjunction with beano or bingo may use the  
25 proceeds or part of the proceeds to:

26 A. Pay salaries, wages or remuneration to any person directly involved in operating  
27 beano, bingo or ~~Lucky-7 sealed ticket~~ games;

28 B. Defray the expenses or part of the expenses that further the purpose for which the  
29 organization is formed except that proceeds may not be:

30 (1) Used to purchase alcohol or to defray the cost of activities where alcohol is  
31 served; or

32 (2) Paid directly to organization members except as specifically allowed in this  
33 subsection; and

34 C. Defray the expenses or part of the expenses of a member, auxiliary member, officer  
35 or employee of the organization for a serious illness, injury or casualty loss if the  
36 licensee makes an application and the application is approved by the Gambling Control  
37 Unit.

38 (1) An application must be made in the form and contain the information the unit  
39 requires.

40 (a) In the case of serious illness or injury, the unit may require certification by  
41 a licensed physician setting out the facts in support of the application.

1 (b) In the case of a casualty loss, the unit may require statements or reports  
2 from a law enforcement agency, rescue or other emergency services personnel  
3 or an insurance agency to support the application.

4 (c) The licensing division may deny an application if it appears that the person  
5 who would receive the proceeds has adequate means of financial support,  
6 including, but not limited to, insurance or workers' compensation benefits.

7 **Sec. 8. 17 MRSA §326, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ, §27, is  
8 further amended to read:

9 **4. Posting.** An organization licensed or registered to operate beano or bingo and  
10 ~~Lucky 7 sealed ticket~~ games in conjunction with beano or bingo shall post in a conspicuous  
11 place in the room or hall where the licensed game is conducted a sign that states: the net  
12 revenue earned from the operation of those games in dollars and cents; the amount of  
13 charitable donations from that net revenue in dollars and cents; what percentage in dollars  
14 and cents of the net revenue that amount represents in donations to nonprofit activities; and  
15 what percentage of the net revenue was distributed from licensed games for the previous  
16 calendar year and the current calendar year.'

17 Amend the bill in section 2 in §329 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 2, lines 9  
18 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

19 **2. Partner-assisted beano.** A person playing beano may play with another person  
20 playing beano as a partnered pair.'

21 Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

22 **'Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 136, §1, is further  
23 amended to read:

24 **3. Distributor.** "Distributor" means a person, firm, corporation, association or  
25 organization, other than an Internet raffle operator, that sells, markets or otherwise  
26 distributes sealed ~~tickets~~ ticket games, gambling apparatus or any other implements of  
27 gambling that may be used in the conduct of a game of chance.'

28 Amend the bill in section 3 in the first blocked paragraph in the 8th and 9th lines (page  
29 2, lines 21 and 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "lucky seven or similar"

30 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

31 **'Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§14-B** is enacted to read:

32 **14-B. Sealed ticket game.** "Sealed ticket game" means a game consisting of tickets  
33 or cards with preprinted symbols, numbers or other figures that are hidden by an opaque,  
34 removable material. Each ticket or card represents a chance to win a specific single prize,  
35 including a monetary prize, or specific set of prizes. A winning ticket or card contains a  
36 predetermined winning configuration of symbols, numbers or other figures. "Sealed ticket  
37 game" includes a sealed ticket game that is designed by the manufacturer to include a  
38 jackpot prize that is carried over to a subsequent series of tickets or cards with the same  
39 form number in the event that jackpot prize is not won. "Sealed ticket game" does not  
40 include the lottery under Title 8, chapter 14-A or 16.

41 **Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 86, §1, is further  
42 amended to read:

