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An Act Regarding the Conducting of Games of Chance by Nonprofit Organizations

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §332, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Local chapters of statewide organizations. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Chief of the State Police may once annually issue a license to operate a game of chance to a local chapter of a statewide nonprofit organization if that statewide nonprofit organization is eligible for a license in accordance with subsection 1, as long as the statewide nonprofit organization has filed a copy of its bylaws and a list of all the local chapters of the statewide nonprofit organization with the Chief of the State Police. To be eligible for a game of chance license under this subsection, the statewide nonprofit organization must provide to the Chief of the State Police, no less than 60 days prior to the local chapter's conducting a game of chance, the name of the local chapter and the names of the local chapter's officers. Within 5 days of conducting a game of chance in accordance with this subsection, the local chapter shall provide the Chief of the State Police the date and location where games of chance will be conducted.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a local chapter of a statewide nonprofit organization that wishes to conduct a game of chance need only provide the date and location where the game of chance will be conducted. The statewide nonprofit organization must provide a copy of its bylaws, a list of all local chapters, the name of the local chapter wishing to conduct a game of chance and the names of the officers of the local chapter in order for the local chapter to be eligible for a game of chance license with these reduced requirements.