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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §317, first ¶, as amended by PL 1999, c. 74, §2, is further amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police ~~has the power to~~may adopt rules, not inconsistent with law, that are necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter and for the licensing, conduct and operation of the amusement commonly known as "Beano" or "Bingo" and for the permitting and operation of commercial beano halls. The Chief of the State Police ~~has the power and authority to~~may regulate, supervise and exercise general control over the operation of such amusement and commercial beano halls, including, but not limited to, the payment of prizes and the use of equipment. Any rule adopted by the Chief of the State Police concerning the value of prizes that may be awarded must include a provision that no single prize may exceed \$400 in value and that no more than \$1,400 in total prizes may be awarded on any one occasion ~~except that once per calendar year on one occasion a licensee may award up to \$2,000 in total prizes.~~ In establishing such rules, which are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A2-A~~, the Chief of the State Police must, in addition to the standards set forth in other provisions of this chapter, use the following standards setting forth conduct, conditions and activity considered undesirable:’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment allows a person licensed to conduct beano and bingo games to offer a prize with a total value of up to \$2,000 once per calendar year on one occasion. The prize limit in current law is \$1,400.