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## **An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos**

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

**Whereas,** the operation of a casino has been approved by the voters of the State; and

**Whereas,** it is in the best interest of the people of the State to have appropriate oversight of the operation of table games at the casino; and

**Whereas,** the casino is opening this summer and it is important to have the funding to hire the additional public safety positions prior to the opening of the casino; 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. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

#### **Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Detective position, one Office Assistant II position, one Auditor II position, 6 Public Safety Inspector I positions and one Public Safety Inspector III position; funds overtime for all inspector positions; and provides funds for licensing and monitoring software to provide adequate resources for the Gambling Control Board to regulate gambling in the State in light of the addition of a 2nd casino and the addition of table games.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10,000	10,000
Personal Services	\$111,069	\$769,279
All Other	\$44,849	\$26,952
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$155,918</b>	<b>\$796,231</b>

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

## **SUMMARY**

This bill appropriates funds to establish 10 new positions in the Department of Public Safety and provides funding for licensing and monitoring software for the Gambling Control Board to regulate gambling in the State.