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

**'An Act To Ensure the State's Authority
over the Operation of Gambling Activities'**

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph (page 1, lines 6 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'**Whereas**, the State needs to assert its authority over the conduct of gambling; and'

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

'**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §371, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

6. Agent. "Agent" means a person or that person's representative who has been licensed under this chapter to sell lottery tickets on behalf of the State from the physical premises of the licensee's retail business establishment.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §952, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

11. "Unlawful" means not expressly authorized by statute. An activity not expressly authorized by statute does not cease to be unlawful solely because it is authorized under federal law or the laws of another state or jurisdiction.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment establishes a definition of "agent" as it pertains to those businesses licensed to sell lottery tickets on behalf of the State. The amendment provides that a gambling activity not expressly authorized by Maine law does not cease to be unlawful solely because it is authorized under federal law or the laws of another state or jurisdiction.