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### **An Act To Exempt Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations from Cribbage Tournament Licensing Requirements**

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Knox,  
SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK,  
3 §15, is further amended to read:

4 **1. License or registration required.** A Except as provided in subsection 9, a  
5 person, firm, corporation, association or organization may not hold, conduct or operate a  
6 game of chance without a license issued by or, as applicable, without registering with the  
7 Gambling Control Unit in accordance with this section. A license is not required when a  
8 game of chance constitutes social gambling.

9 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

10 **9. Exception for cribbage tournaments conducted by fraternal and veterans'**  
11 **organizations.** The following organizations may conduct a cribbage tournament in  
12 which cash prizes are not awarded without obtaining a license from or registering with  
13 the Gambling Control Unit:

14 A. A nonprofit fraternal or veterans' organization that has been in existence and  
15 founded, chartered or organized in the State for at least 2 consecutive years prior to  
16 operating the cribbage tournament; and

17 B. An auxiliary organization associated with an organization described in paragraph  
18 A that has been in existence for a least 2 consecutive years prior to operating the  
19 cribbage tournament.

20 For the purposes of this subsection, "cribbage" has the same meaning as in section 1836,  
21 subsection 4-B.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill authorizes nonprofit fraternal and veterans' organizations to conduct  
24 cribbage tournaments in which no cash prizes are awarded without obtaining a license  
25 from or registering with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit.