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In Senate, February 12, 2013

An Act To Reduce the Licensing Fee for Certain Tournament Games

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland and
Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook,
LACHOWICZ of Kennebec, TUTTLE of York, Representative: MASON of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§3-A, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 325, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 A. For tournament games that do not exceed 100 players:

- 5 (1) ~~One hundred fifty~~ Fifty dollars per tournament license;
6 (2) ~~Two hundred fifty~~ Seventy-five dollars for a monthly license; and
7 (3) ~~Three thousand~~ Nine hundred dollars for an annual license; and

8 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 325, §4, is further
9 amended to read:

10 **4. Tournament.** The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this
11 section shall display the rules of the tournament game and the license issued. The
12 maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament game is held on
13 premises owned by the licensee, in which case the maximum number of players allowed
14 is 300. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is
15 prohibited as part of tournament game play. The maximum entry fee to play in the
16 tournament game is \$100, ~~except the organization may add to the player entry fee to~~
17 ~~defray the cost of the license fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all~~
18 ~~players does not exceed \$125. An organization that holds a per tournament license may~~
19 ~~collect up to \$150 to defray the cost of the license fee.~~ Only one entry fee is permitted
20 per person. A tournament game must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of
21 chance on the premises are prohibited during a tournament game, except for lucky seven
22 or similar sealed tickets and no more than one 50/50 raffle per tournament with a prize
23 value up to \$1,000. This subsection does not prohibit a licensee from conducting one
24 winner-take-all hand per tournament game with a bet limit of \$5. The total number of
25 bets received in a winner-take-all round must be awarded to the winner or in the case of
26 multiple winners divided among them as evenly as possible. All prizes awarded in
27 accordance with this subsection must be paid in cash.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill reduces the license fees for tournament games that do not exceed 100
30 players. This bill also eliminates the ability of an organization licensed to hold a
31 tournament game to charge a player an addition to the entry fee to defray the cost of the
32 license.