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S.P. 689

In Senate, February 12, 2018

### **An Act To Allow Cash Prizes for Certain Raffles Conducted by Charitable Organizations**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and

Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK,  
3 §25, is amended to read:

4 **4. Raffle with a noncash prize up to \$75,000 conducted by eligible organization;**  
5 **cash prizes up to \$20,000.** An eligible organization as described in section 1832,  
6 subsection 2 may conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize offered to the  
7 winning chance does not exceed \$75,000 upon the acceptance of a registration by the  
8 Gambling Control Unit. The registration must state a verifiable charitable purpose for  
9 which the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit. If the raffle is conducted in a  
10 manner in which there are multiple winning chances, the total value of all prizes offered  
11 may not exceed a value of \$75,000. A noncash prize for a raffle conducted under this  
12 subsection ~~may not be in the form of cash and~~ may not be exchanged for cash. The total  
13 amount of cash prizes that may be awarded for a raffle conducted under this subsection  
14 may not exceed \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 prize for the holder of a winning  
15 chance. An eligible organization may not conduct more than one raffle under this  
16 subsection in a 12-month period.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 Current law allows an eligible organization that has registered with the Gambling  
19 Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety to conduct one raffle in a 12-month  
20 period awarding noncash prizes, up to \$75,000 in value. This bill allows that raffle to  
21 include total cash prizes not exceeding \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 prize for  
22 the holder of a winning chance.