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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 35, L.D. 34, Bill, “An Act To Exempt Fraternal and Veterans’ Organizations from Cribbage Tournament Licensing Requirements”

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

'An Act To Clarify Game of Chance Licensing Requirements'

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

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1831, sub-§17, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

C. Any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property, or of any interest therein, ~~or involving extension of a service, entertainment or a privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge.~~

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §952, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

10. "Something of value" means any money or property, any token, object or article exchangeable for money or property, or any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property, or of any interest therein, ~~or involving extension of a service, entertainment or a privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge.~~

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Under current law, an organization must obtain a license to hold or conduct a game of chance, including a card game, if the players risk something of value for the opportunity to win something of value. The

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 amendment modifies the definition of "something of value" to clarify that a license is not
2 required merely because players are entitled to play the game of chance for free or to be
3 entertained for free while playing the game.