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9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "" to H.P. 113, L.D. 131, Bill, "An Act To Permit a Veterans Organization To Lease Its Facility to an Organization That Is Registered To Operate Beano or Bingo Games without Obtaining a Commercial Beano Hall Permit"
12 13	Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:
14 15	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
16 17 18	Whereas, this Act exempts a veterans organization from the requirement to obtain a commercial beano hall permit in order to lease its facility to an organization registered to operate "beano" or "bingo" games; and
19 20 21 22	Whereas, it is necessary that this Act take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure that veterans organizations that rent their facilities for "beano" or "bingo" games during the summer may do so without obtaining the permit required under current law; and
23 24 25 26	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'
27 28	Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:
29 30	'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §313-C, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §7, is amended to read:
31 32 33 34	C. A bona fide nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization that has been in existence and founded, chartered or organized in the State for at least 2 years prior to its registration; and

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Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §328, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §29, is
further amended to read:

1. Permit required. An individual, corporation, partnership or unincorporated association may not rent or lease space for profit to a licensee an organization registered under section 313-C to hold, conduct or operate "Beano" or "Bingo" unless a commercial beano hall permit is obtained from the Gambling Control Unit.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §328, sub-§§6 and 7, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 74, §7, are
amended to read:

6. Membership in registered organization. The permittee or the permittee's
employee may not be a member of a licensee an organization registered under section
313-C renting or leasing the commercial beano hall.

7. Rent or lease amount. The permittee shall charge a licensee registrant under
section 313-C fair market value and may not charge based on the percentage of profit
which that the licensee registrant makes for the rent or lease of a commercial beano hall.'

15 Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
legislation takes effect when approved.'

18 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or 19 section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill and makes technical changes to the statutes governing "beano" and "bingo." The amendment clarifies that a charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization that seeks to obtain a registration to conduct "beano" or "bingo" must be a bona fide nonprofit organization.

26FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED27(See attached)

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