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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”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**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

**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

**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,'

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §313-C, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §7, is amended to read:

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

