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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 20, L.D. 31, Bill, “An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations”

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

'An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Veterans' Organizations'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20006-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §24, is further amended to read:

1. Fund established. The Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established for the purpose of supporting gambling addiction analysis, prevention and treatment to be administered by the department. The fund is a dedicated, nonlapsing fund into which payments are received in accordance with Title 8, section 1036, ~~subsection~~ subsections 2 and 2-D.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§13-B is enacted to read:

13-B. Eligible organization. "Eligible organization" means a charitable nonprofit organization that:

A. Is a veterans' organization exempt from taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(19);

B. As of October 1, 2013 has been conducting gaming under Title 17, chapter 13-A or 62 for at least 2 consecutive years; and

C. Has owned or leased for a minimum of 2 consecutive years the premises that serve as the primary location of the organization's administrative operations, which are located in a municipality in which the voters have approved in a referendum election the operation of slot machines by a charitable nonprofit organization.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in the 2nd line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2014" and inserting the following: '2015'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1,
2 line 23 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "nonprofit" the following: 'veterans'

3 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in paragraph A in the 3rd line (page 1,
4 line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$5,000" and inserting the following:
5 '\$2,500'

6 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in paragraph A in subparagraph (2) in
7 the last line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "nonprofit" the
8 following: 'veterans'

9 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in paragraph A in subparagraph (3) in
10 the first line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$2,000" and inserting
11 the following: '\$1,000'

12 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in paragraph D in the first line (page 2,
13 line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2014" and inserting the following: '2015'

14 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in paragraph D in the 3rd line (page 2,
15 line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$250" and inserting the following: '\$125'

16 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2-C in paragraph D in the last line (page 2,
17 line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2014" and inserting the following: '2015'

18 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 and inserting the following:

19 '**Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1016, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 212, §15, is
20 further amended to read:

21 D. In the case of a person who is not an eligible organization applying to be a slot
22 machine operator or casino operator, the person has sufficient knowledge and
23 experience in the business of operating slot machines or casinos to effectively operate
24 the slot machine facilities or casino to which the license application relates in
25 accordance with this chapter and the rules and standards adopted under this chapter;
26 and

27 '**Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1016, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 212, §21, is further
28 amended to read:

29 **3. Applicant other than individual.** If the person, other than an eligible
30 organization, required to meet the qualifications and suitability requirements specified in
31 subsections 1, 1-A and 2 is a business organization, the key executives, directors, officers,
32 partners, shareholders, creditors, owners and associates of the person must meet the
33 suitability requirements specified in subsection 2. For an eligible organization required to
34 meet the qualifications and suitability requirements specified in subsections 1, 1-A and 2,
35 at least 2 officers of the governing board of the eligible organization, of whom one is the
36 treasurer, must meet the suitability requirements specified in subsection 2.'

37 Amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 1 in paragraph C-2 in the last line (page 4,
38 line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$1,000. The annual renewal fee is \$350"
39 and inserting the following: '\$500. The annual renewal fee is \$175'

40 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 12 and inserting the following:

