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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
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126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 58, L.D. 169, Bill, “An Act To Provide Revenue to Veterans' Organizations and the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund from Table Game Revenue”

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 3rd Whereas paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Grant"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph D in the next to the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Grant"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in 4th line from the end (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Grant"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §514 is enacted to read:

§514. Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund; establishment; report

The Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established to provide financial assistance to veterans' service organizations. Beginning July 1, 2013 the director shall make distributions from the fund as follows:

1. Transportation for medical needs of veterans. Fifteen thousand dollars annually to a veterans' service organization that has maintained for the previous 5 years consecutively as of January 1, 2013 a program of providing transportation to veterans receiving medical services at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus or outreach centers of the veterans hospital;

2. Veteran service officers at veterans hospital. Sixty-four thousand five hundred dollars annually to each veterans' service organization that has funded and maintained a veteran service officer at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus for at least one year as of January 1, 2013; and

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1 **3. Other veterans programs.** The remainder of the funds, distributed by the
 2 director after payment of any fees applied by the State for administration of the fund, as
 3 follows:

4 A. Sixty-eight percent to the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund
 5 established by section 512, subsection 1;

6 B. Twenty percent to organizations that coordinate an annual event to benefit
 7 homeless veterans by providing warm clothing and personal items; and

8 C. Twelve percent to purchase flags for graves at veterans' cemeteries.

9 Beginning in 2014, the director shall submit a report annually by February 15th
 10 regarding the distribution of these funds, including information from organizations that
 11 received the funds, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
 12 over veterans affairs.

13 **Sec. 4. Honorable service commemoration in fiscal year 2014-15.**
 14 Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 514, the Director of the
 15 Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and
 16 Emergency Management shall make a one-time distribution of \$15,000 to the fund
 17 established by Title 37-B, section 511.

18 **Sec. 5. Gambling Control Board to transfer funds.** Within 30 days after the
 19 effective date of this Act, all funds received as of June 30, 2013 by the Gambling Control
 20 Board within the Department of Public Safety for distribution to charitable nonprofit
 21 organizations pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 1036, subsection
 22 2-C, paragraph D must be transferred to the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System
 23 Care Fund established in Title 37-B, section 512.

24 **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 25 allocations are made.

26 **DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT**
 27 **OF**

28 **Veterans Services 0110**

29 Initiative: Establishes the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund with 2% of the net table
 30 game income from the casino in Bangor.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
FUNDS			
All Other	\$186,707	\$152,360	\$148,448
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$186,707	\$152,360	\$148,448
FUNDS TOTAL			

1	DEFENSE, VETERANS AND			
2	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,			
3	DEPARTMENT OF			
4	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
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6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$186,707	\$152,360	\$148,448
7	FUNDS			
8				
9	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL	\$186,707	\$152,360	\$148,448
10	FUNDS			

11 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**
 12 **Gambling Control Board Z002**

13 Initiative: Reduces funding from eliminating the 2% of net table game income from the
 14 casino in Bangor previously distributed to charitable nonprofit organizations that were
 15 eligible to conduct beano games and games of chance.

16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
17	FUNDS			
18	All Other	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
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20	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
21	FUNDS TOTAL			

22	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT			
23	OF			
24	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
25				
26	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
27	FUNDS			
28				
29	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL	(\$186,707)	(\$152,360)	(\$148,448)
30	FUNDS			

31	SECTION TOTALS	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
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33	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0
34	FUNDS			
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36	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
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SUMMARY

Current law requires 2% of the net table game income generated at a casino in Bangor to be held by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board for distribution to charitable nonprofit organizations eligible to conduct beano games and games of chance. This amendment provides that distribution of the table game income will go to the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund, which is established to assist veterans' service organizations with transportation of veterans to medical appointments and outreach to homeless veterans and to provide funding for veteran service officers at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus, for flags for veterans graves and for the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)