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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 125, L.D. 329, Bill, “An Act To Reduce the Licensing Fee for Certain Tournament Games”

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§3-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 325, §3, is amended to read:

A. For tournament games that do not exceed 100 players:

- (1) ~~One hundred fifty~~ Seventy-five dollars per tournament license;
- (2) ~~Two hundred fifty~~ Two hundred dollars for a monthly license; and
- (3) ~~Three thousand~~ Fifteen hundred dollars for an annual license; and

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 325, §4, is further amended to read:

4. Tournament. The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this section shall display the rules of the tournament game and the license issued. The maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament game is held on premises owned by the licensee, in which case the maximum number of players allowed is 300. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is prohibited as part of tournament game play. The maximum entry fee to play in the tournament game is \$100, except the organization may add to the player entry fee to defray the cost of the license fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all players does not exceed \$125. ~~An organization that holds a per tournament license may collect up to \$150 to defray the cost of the license fee.~~ Only one entry fee is permitted per person. A tournament game must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of chance on the premises are prohibited during a tournament game, except for lucky seven or similar sealed tickets and no more than one 50/50 raffle per tournament with a prize value up to \$1,000. This subsection does not prohibit a licensee from conducting one winner-take-all hand per tournament game with a bet limit of \$5. The total number of

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1 bets received in a winner-take-all round must be awarded to the winner or in the case of
2 multiple winners divided among them as evenly as possible. All prizes awarded in
3 accordance with this subsection must be paid in cash.'

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This amendment increases the fees for tournament game licenses that are proposed by
6 the bill. The license fees proposed in the amendment are a reduction from what is
7 required in current law. The bill removes the provision of current law that provides that a
8 tournament game licensee may charge an amount higher than the maximum entry fee to
9 defray the cost of licensure. The amendment retains this provision of law.