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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 871, L.D. 2070, “An Act to Implement a Facility-based Monitoring System for Slot Machines”

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, the current contract between the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board and the 3rd party operating the central site monitoring system on behalf of the Gambling Control Board expires on June 30, 2024; and

Whereas, it is necessary to enact the changes authorizing the transition from a central site monitoring system to a facility-based monitoring system before the expiration of the current contract; 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 in section 1 in subsection 13-B in the last line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and disabling of slot machines" and inserting the following: 'and malfunction'

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

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

~~K. Maintain~~ Ensure the board or the director or staff, in collaboration with the casino operator or slot machine operator, has the ability to activate and deactivate the operation of individual slot machines via the central site monitoring system under authority of board staff or persons contracted by the board;

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 '**Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and
2 affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

3 N. Cause ~~the central site monitoring system to disable~~, in collaboration with the casino
4 operator or slot machine operator, a slot machine to be disabled that does not meet
5 registration requirements provided by this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter
6 ~~or as directed by the department;~~'

7 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

8 '**Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and
9 affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

10 O. Cause ~~the central site monitoring system to disable~~, in collaboration with the casino
11 operator or slot machine operator, a slot machine to be disabled and cause the
12 department to seize the proceeds of that slot machine if the funds from that slot machine
13 have not been distributed, deposited or allocated in accordance with section 1036;'

14 Amend the bill in section 8 in §1004 in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph G the
15 following:

16 'An on-site computer system that is accessible by the department through read-only access
17 and was in operation as of January 1, 2024 at a casino or slot machine facility operated by
18 a person licensed under section 1011 is considered a facility-based monitoring system
19 under this chapter.'

20 Amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

21 '**Sec. 13. 8 MRSA §1020, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 614, §4, is further
22 amended to read:

23 **4. Examination Certification of slot machines and associated equipment.** The
24 board shall, in cooperation with the department, ~~examine~~ approve qualified independent
25 laboratories for certification of slot machines and slot machine associated equipment ~~of~~
26 ~~from~~ slot machine distributors and gambling services vendors seeking registration as
27 required in this chapter. The board shall require the slot machine distributor or gambling
28 services vendor seeking ~~examination and approval~~ certification of the slot machine or slot
29 machine associated equipment to pay the board-approved independent laboratory the
30 anticipated cost of the examination certification before the ~~examination occurs~~ certification
31 is completed. ~~After the examination occurs, the board shall refund overpayments or charge~~
32 ~~and collect amounts sufficient to reimburse the board for underpayments of actual cost.~~
33 The board may ~~contract for the examinations of slot machines and slot machine associated~~
34 ~~equipment as required by this section~~ adopt rules to establish the approval process to verify
35 certifications, approve shipments and inspect slot machines. Rules adopted pursuant to this
36 subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

37 **Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
38 allocations are made.

39 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

40 **Gambling Control Board Z002**

41 Initiative: Reduces allocations for contracted services related to a central site monitoring
42 system for slot machines.

