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*Testimony of Rep. Dave Rollins in support of*  
**LD 1838, An Act to Provide Opportunities and Sustainable Revenue  
for Maine Farms, Agricultural Fairs, Wabanaki Tribes and  
Veterans' Homes**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs*

Good afternoon, Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. I am David Rollins, and I represent House District 59, which is the west side of Augusta. I rise in support of LD 1838, and I am honored to be before you today on behalf of the many great people this bill will directly and indirectly affect.

LD 1838 permits the licensed operation of electronic wagering terminals for placing wagers on historical horse races, purchasing virtual sealed tickets and conducting electronic beano by federally recognized Indian tribes, specific off-track betting facilities, commercial tracks and organizations qualified to conduct certain games of chance. Licenses are issued by the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety. The bill also requires distributors of electronic wagering terminals to be licensed with the Gambling Control Unit.

Directed and codified in this bill, a licensee must collect and distribute 25% of net terminal income from electronic wagering terminals to the director of the Gambling Control Unit, who then forwards it to the Treasurer of State for distribution and crediting to 10 diverse causes in the following manner:

- Five percent of net income must credit the money to the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund.
- Five percent of net income must credit any money received before January 1, 2035, to the Maine Milk Pool. Any money received on or after January 1, 2035, to the Agricultural Development Fund.
- Five percent of net income must credit the money to supplement harness racing purses.

- Three percent of net income must credit the money to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services to be expended in support of career and technical education.
- Two percent of net income must credit the money to the Agricultural Fair Support Fund.
- One percent of the net income must credit the money to the Harness Racing Promotional Fund.
- One percent of net income must credit the money to the Maine Breeders Sire Stakes Fund.
- One percent of net income must credit the money to the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund.
- One percent of net income must be deposited into the General Fund for the Gambling Control Unit's administrative expenses.
- One percent of net income must be remitted annually to the municipality in which the electronic wagering terminals are located.

Maine has a long, storied history as an agricultural state and a proud history as vacationland. This bill will give our agricultural sector (14% net income) and our tourism sector (9% net income) boosts, which are clearly beneficial investments. It will also support our valued veterans, as well as expand support of career and technical education.

Most importantly, in my mind, it provides the people of Maine an opportunity to increase revenues coming from those from away who come to our state annually and just want to have fun. Gaming is spot on, and another reason to visit Maine.

Thank you for your time and consideration and respectfully encourage you to vote “ought to pass.”