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LD 1838, "An Act to Provide Opportunities and Sustainable Revenue for Maine Farms,
Agricultural Fairs, Wabanaki Tribes and Veterans' Homes"
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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee: I am Brad Farrin and I represent Senate District 4. I am here to introduce LD 1838, "An Act to Provide Opportunities and Sustainable Revenue for Maine Farms, Agricultural Fairs, Wabanaki Tribes and Veterans' Homes."

This bill authorizes the operation of electronic wagering terminals for three types of games:

1. Wagers on historical horse races,
2. Virtual sealed tickets, and
3. Electronic beano.

Licensing and oversight will be handled by the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety. Licenses may be issued to federally recognized Wabanaki tribes, certain off-track betting facilities, and organizations currently eligible to conduct games of chance.

This bill also requires distributors of these terminals to be licensed and it sets limits on the number and location of terminals, depending on the type of licensee. I want to make it clear that this bill does not add any new expansion of the license category.

The bill establishes a 25% revenue-sharing requirement on net terminal income. Funds will be distributed to:

- The General Fund for administrative costs,
- Problem gambling services,
- The Maine Milk Pool (until 2035) and afterward the Agricultural Development Fund,
- Agricultural fairs,
- Harness racing support funds,
- Career and technical education,
- The Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund, and
- The municipalities hosting the terminals.

LD 1838 aims to create a regulated framework that generates revenue for targeted public programs while maintaining oversight and limiting scale.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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