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An Act Concerning High-stakes Beano

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.
Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, DION of Portland, KRUGER
of Thomaston, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, RUSSELL of Portland,
SCHNECK of Bangor, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 426,
3 §4, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §5 and
5 affected by Pt. X, §2, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

7 **5-A. High-stakes electronic beano.** An organization licensed under this section
8 may operate high-stakes electronic beano as described in this subsection.

9 A. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following
10 terms have the following meanings.

11 (1) "Electronic beano terminal" means an electronic appliance used by a player
12 to identify electronic beano cards that contain numbers or symbols input by a
13 player that correspond to numbers or symbols determined by the electronic beano
14 terminal.

15 (2) "High-stakes electronic beano" means a game that simulates the play of
16 nonelectronic beano and is played on individual electronic beano terminals that
17 are connected to a central computer system that generates beano games. A
18 person playing high-stakes electronic beano plays the game on an individual
19 electronic beano terminal. A draw consists of up to 75 numbers and letters that
20 correspond to the electronic beano cards in play.

21 B. The manner in which the winner is determined must be clearly announced or
22 displayed before any game is begun. Any game winning pattern may be used.

23 C. Individual electronic beano terminals may offer electronic beano cards of varying
24 themes and denominations.

25 D. All electronic beano cards of the same denomination played by the individual
26 electronic beano terminals in a round must correspond with the same high-stakes
27 electronic beano game generated by the central computer system.

28 E. Individual electronic beano terminals may accept cash, tokens, cards or vouchers
29 for the purchase of electronic beano cards but may not dispense cash. A prize
30 awarded for winning a high-stakes electronic beano game must be in the form of a
31 voucher that may be redeemed for cash or prizes.

32 F. Individual electronic beano terminals and the central computer system must be
33 audited by a 3rd-party game testing company, which shall provide audits of the
34 central computer system and individual electronic beano terminals upon request of
35 the Chief of the State Police. An operator of high-stakes electronic beano shall
36 ensure a method of secure access via the Internet by the Chief of the State Police for
37 the purposes of conducting audits and monitoring the operation and play of high-
38 stakes electronic beano. Any software, equipment or training necessary for the Chief
39 of the State Police to use the auditing and monitoring system must be paid for by the
40 operator of high-stakes electronic beano.

