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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1343, L.D. 1856, “Resolve, To Conduct a Market Analysis Regarding the Feasibility of Expanded Gaming in Maine”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Conduct a Market Analysis Regarding the Feasibility of Expanded Gaming in Maine and a Framework for a Statewide Comprehensive Gaming Plan'

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by inserting after the 4th indented paragraph the following:

'Whereas, in light of the numerous pieces of legislation proposing gaming in the State dealt with by each recent Legislature and the number of citizen-initiated bills authorizing gaming proposed recently, it is imperative that a study of a comprehensive gaming plan be completed as soon as possible to address expanded gaming in the State; and'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "If a market exists:" and inserting the following: 'A potential framework for a comprehensive gaming plan that looks at the following:'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraphs E and F (page 2, lines 6 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 'E. An estimate of the impact of expanded gaming on existing casinos operating in the State;
- F. A license fee for a facility that is representative of market value;
- G. The development of a competitive bidding process;
- H. A competitive bidding process for license fees with a required minimum;
- I. Previous legislation submitted to the 126th Legislature by entities seeking licenses to operate casinos;
- J. Requirements for amenities at newly licensed casino-style facilities, including hotel rooms and conference centers; and
- K. A single method for the distribution of slot machine and table game revenue for all facilities licensed to operate slot machines or table games; and be it further'

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires the market analysis performed pursuant to the resolve to include the development of a potential framework for a comprehensive statewide gaming plan. This amendment expands the issues to be analyzed by the consulting firm to include, among other items, previous legislation submitted to the 126th Legislature by entities seeking licenses to operate casinos, a single method for the distribution of slot machine and table game revenue for all facilities licensed to operate slot machines or table games and the development of a competitive bidding process.

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