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

'An Act To Allow for Annual Super Tournament Games by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §333-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 205, §1, is amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police may issue a license to conduct tournament games and super tournament games as provided in this section to an organization eligible to conduct beano games under chapter 13-A and games of chance under this chapter. For purposes of this section, "tournament game" or "super tournament game" means a game of chance played using a deck of cards with rules similar to poker or other card games. The Chief of the State Police may not issue a tournament game license to an organization more than once per month.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Super tournament. The Chief of the State Police may issue one super tournament license in a calendar year to an organization eligible to conduct a tournament game under this section. The organization licensed to conduct a super tournament shall operate the super tournament game in the same manner as a tournament game in accordance with this section, except that the maximum number of players allowed is 1,000 and the organization may not collect more than \$10,000 in entry fees. As a condition of an organization's licensure, the Chief of the State Police may seek payment for costs associated with the need for additional personnel required to adequately enforce the provisions governing super tournaments.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712

Initiative: Provides an allocation for the cost of overtime associated with a super tournament game.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	\$0	\$4,320
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$4,320

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows for organizations eligible to conduct tournament games to get a license to conduct one super tournament annually. A super tournament license allows for a maximum of 1,000 players. The license has the same \$100 maximum entry fee as regular tournaments but a super tournament may not collect more than \$10,000 in entry fees.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED **(See attached)**