



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2284(02)

An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Contingent current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety to allow the licensed operation of electronic beano terminals and historical horse racing terminals by federally recognized Indian tribes and the licensed operation of historical horse racing terminals by off-track betting facilities and commercial tracks. The bill directs that 25% of the net terminal incomes from the devices be credited to the GCU for distribution as follows:

Gambling Control Unit Admin Expenses (OSR)	1%
Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund	2%
Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program	2%
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	2%
Fund to Supplement Harness Racing Purses	4%
Harness Racing Promotional Fund	1%
Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks	1%
Sire Stakes Fund	2%
Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund	2%
Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund	6%
Municipalities where terminals are located	2%

The amount of additional Other Special Revenue Funds revenue generated by the operation of terminals and the associated license revenue will depend on the number and location of terminals registered. If all entities who qualify to seek a license do so, the additional licensing, administrative, and compliance activities associated with the terminals may increase the workload on the GCU staff. Any such increase is expected to be gradual and additional staffing for the GCU may need to be addressed in future budgets.