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**An Act To Allow Schools To Operate Nonprofit Bingo Events for
Children and Families**

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow.
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and
Representatives: GOLDEN of Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONGSTAFF of
Waterville, PERKINS of Oakland, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, Senators: BELLOWS of
Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §319**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 307, §2, is amended to read:

3 **§319. Persons under 16**

4 ~~Persons~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, persons under the age of 16
5 years ~~shall~~ may not be permitted to take part in the conduct of, nor participate in, the
6 game of "Beano" or "Bingo," nor ~~shall~~ may such a minor be admitted to the playing area
7 unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other responsible ~~person~~ adult.

8 No "Beano" or "Bingo" games licensed under this chapter ~~shall~~ may be conducted
9 unless some person at least 18 years of age, who has been a member in good standing of
10 the licensee for at least 2 years, exercises exclusive control of each game played.

11 No license for the conduct of "Beano" or "Bingo" ~~shall~~ may be issued to any firm,
12 association, corporation or group composed wholly or primarily of minors.

13 An elementary or secondary school may operate a nonprofit "Beano" or "Bingo"
14 game for the entertainment of and recreation for the school's students and the students'
15 families. A "Beano" or "Bingo" game operated under this paragraph is exempt from the
16 application and licensing provisions of this chapter.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows elementary and secondary schools to operate beano or bingo games
19 for the entertainment of and recreation for the schools' students and the students' families
20 if the games are not for profit.