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An Act To License Betting on Football Score Pools

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

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Presented by Representative MacDONALD of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, JACKSON of Oxford, JOHNSON of
Greenville, WEAVER of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1847** is enacted to read:

3 **§1847. Pools for football score wagers**

4 **1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, "football score pool" means a
5 contest where a person pays a fixed entry price as a wager on the score of a professional
6 football game. A person wins by coming the closest to or matching the score submitted
7 with the entry fee to the actual score of the football game for which the person submitted
8 the wager. The entry fees received as wagers for a football score pool, less any operator
9 fee under subsection 3, are awarded as a prize to the winner or divided equally among
10 multiple winners.

11 **2. Football score pools authorized.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title or
12 Title 17-A to the contrary, the Chief of the State Police may issue a license to operate a
13 football score pool to a person licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises
14 consumption under Title 28-A in accordance with this section. A person who wishes to
15 conduct a football score pool must submit an application for licensure under this section
16 to the Chief of the State Police in a manner prescribed by the Chief of the State Police.

17 **3. Operator fee.** A person licensed to conduct a football score pool may retain an
18 operator fee in an amount up to 20% of the total entry fees received for that football score
19 pool.

20 **4. License fee; records and materials.** The fee for a license to operate a football
21 score pool in accordance with this section is \$50 per calendar year. A license permits an
22 operator to conduct up to 100 football score pools during a calendar year. Materials used
23 to conduct a football score pool must be provided by a licensed printer or distributor as
24 described by section 1840. A person licensed to conduct a football score pool shall
25 maintain records detailing the entry fees, prizes and operator fees for each football score
26 pool conducted for a period of 3 years from the date of the football score pool and shall
27 make those records available for inspection by the Chief of the State Police.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill authorizes the Chief of the State Police to issue a license to operate football
30 score pools. A person licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption
31 is eligible for a football score pool license. The fee for a football score pool license is
32 \$50 per calendar year. A football score pool operator may retain an operator fee in an
33 amount up to 20% of the total entry fees received for that football score pool.