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An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Super Cribbage Tournaments

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARD of Dedham.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, FARRIN of Norridgewock,
HANINGTON of Lincoln, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, TURNER of Burlington.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period
4 to ensure the law regarding super cribbage tournaments is amended before September 30,
5 2017, allowing the law to remain in effect; and

6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4-A,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 163, §1, is
12 amended to read:

13 **4-A. Exception for super cribbage tournament.** Notwithstanding any provision of
14 this section to the contrary, the Chief of the State Police may issue up to 3 licenses per
15 year for the conduct of a super cribbage tournament. For the purposes of this subsection,
16 "cribbage" means a card game that uses a board and pegs to keep score and of which the
17 characteristic feature is a crib into which players discard cards from their dealt hand to
18 create a crib of 4 cards unseen by other players that will be ultimately part of the dealer's
19 hand. The license fee for a super cribbage tournament is \$75. A super cribbage
20 tournament must be conducted in the same manner as prescribed for a tournament game
21 by this section except as follows.

22 A. The super cribbage tournament may be conducted by a nationally chartered
23 organization that organizes tournament-style cribbage games and that is exempt from
24 taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3) so long as
25 the principal organizer has been a member of that organization for a period of not less
26 than 3 years.

27 B. The minimum number of players required is 50.

28 C. The maximum entry fee allowed is \$100 per player.

29 D. The super cribbage tournament need not be held on premises owned by the
30 licensee.

31 E. The super cribbage tournament may be conducted over a period of up to 72 hours.

32 F. Notwithstanding subsection 2, 50% of the proceeds of the super cribbage
33 tournament after prizes are paid must be paid to a bona fide charitable organization,
34 other than the licensee, listed on the tournament application submitted to the Chief of
35 the State Police.

36 ~~This subsection is repealed September 30, 2017.~~

37 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
38 legislation takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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This bill amends the law regarding super cribbage tournaments to remove the

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provision repealing the law on September 30, 2017.