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In Senate, January 22, 2019

An Act To Remove the Bet Limit for Winner-take-all Hands in Games of Chance Tournament Games

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, FARRIN of Somerset, LUCHINI of Hancock,
Representatives: SCHNECK of Bangor, SHEATS of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 306, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Tournament.** The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this
5 section shall display the rules of the tournament game and the license issued. The
6 maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament game is held on
7 premises owned by the licensee, in which case the maximum number of players allowed
8 is 300. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is
9 prohibited as part of tournament game play. The maximum entry fee to play in the
10 tournament game is \$100, except the organization may add to the player entry fee to
11 defray the cost of the license fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all
12 players does not exceed \$125. Only one entry fee is permitted per person. A tournament
13 game must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of chance on the premises are
14 prohibited during a tournament game, except for lucky seven or similar sealed tickets and
15 no more than one 50/50 raffle per tournament with a prize value up to \$1,000. This
16 subsection does not prohibit a licensee from conducting one winner-take-all hand per
17 tournament game with a no bet limit ~~of \$5~~. The total number of bets received in a
18 winner-take-all round must be awarded to the winner or in the case of multiple winners
19 divided among them as evenly as possible. All prizes awarded in accordance with this
20 subsection must be paid in cash.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill removes the \$5 bet limit for a winner-take-all hand conducted during a game
23 of chance tournament game.