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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 878, L.D. 1292, Bill, "An Act To Allow for Super Cribbage Tournaments"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

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

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

B. The minimum number of players required is 50.

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 This subsection is repealed September 30, 2017.'

2 **SUMMARY**

3 This amendment imposes a \$75 license fee on super cribbage tournaments and
4 requires that 50% of proceeds from the tournament be paid to a charitable organization.
5 The amendment also reduces the minimum number of players required to hold a
6 tournament from 75 to 50 and sets a maximum entry fee of \$100. Finally, the amendment
7 provides that this license provision is repealed September 30, 2017.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 **(See attached)**