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An Act Regarding Games of Chance Operated by Snowmobile Clubs

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

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Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish. Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, DAVIS of Sangerville, EVANGELOS of Friendship, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOHNSON of Eddington, KESCHL of Belgrade, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1835, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

3 8. Wager limit exception. Notwithstanding subsection 1, an organization established with the primary purpose of supporting the activity of snowmobile riding and 4 the maintenance of snowmobile trails in the State that is licensed to conduct games of 5 chance in accordance with this chapter is permitted to accept wagers up to \$50 per hand 6 7 for a poker run. The organization must inform the Chief of the State Police 30 days in advance of the date when the organization intends to conduct a poker run with an 8 increased wager limit. An organization is limited to 2 poker run events per calendar year 9 10 in which wagers up to \$50 per hand are permitted. For the purposes of this subsection, "poker run" means a game of chance using playing cards that requires a player to travel 11 from one geographic location to another in order to play the game. 12

SUMMARY

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14 This bill creates an exception to the bet limit for a game of chance that is part of a 15 poker run conducted by a snowmobile club. The exception permits a snowmobile club to 16 accept wagers of up \$50 per hand. A snowmobile club is limited to 2 poker run events 17 per year in which the club is permitted to accept the increased wagers.