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An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot. (GOVERNOR'S BILL) Cosponsored by Senator: PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Bethel, DAMON of Bangor, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, RUSSELL of Portland, WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

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, the operation of a casino has been approved by the voters of the State; and 4 Whereas, it is in the best interest of the people of the State to have appropriate oversight of the operation of table games at the casino; and 5 6 Whereas, the casino is opening this summer and it is important to have the funding 7 to hire the additional public safety positions prior to the opening of the casino; and Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 8 9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore, 12 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 13 Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and 14 allocations are made. 15 PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF 16 Gambling Control Board Z002 17 Initiative: Establishes one State Police Detective position, one Office Assistant II 18 position, one Auditor II position, 6 Public Safety Inspector I positions and one Public 19 Safety Inspector III position; funds overtime for all inspector positions; and provides 20 funds for licensing and monitoring software to provide adequate resources for the 21 Gambling Control Board to regulate gambling in the State in light of the addition of a 2nd 22 casino and the addition of table games. 23 24 25 **GENERAL FUND** 2011-12 2012-13 26 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT 10.000 10.000 27 Personal Services \$111,069 \$769,279 28 \$26,952 All Other \$44,849 29 30 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$155,918 \$796,231 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 31 legislation takes effect when approved. 32 **SUMMARY** 33

Control Board to regulate gambling in the State.

This bill appropriates funds to establish 10 new positions in the Department of Public Safety and provides funding for licensing and monitoring software for the Gambling

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