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An Act To Clarify the Beano and Bingo Laws as They Apply to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §311, sub-§7-C is enacted to read:

7-C. Reservation. "Reservation" means the Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation as defined in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 5 or the Penobscot Indian Reservation as defined in Title 30, section 6203, subsection 8.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §311, sub-§7-D is enacted to read:

7-D. Trust lands. "Trust lands" means land acquired by the United States Secretary of the Interior in trust for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe or Penobscot Nation.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§5, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §6 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

C. Conduct a game outside the ~~Indian Territory~~reservation or trust lands of the licensed organization.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the laws dealing with high-stakes beano and high-stakes bingo by changing the limitation controlling where such games may be conducted from Indian Territory to reservation or trust lands.