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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Tournament Games

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 610, §1, is further amended to read:

3. License. The license fee for a tournament game license is ~~\$200 per tournament~~as follows:

- A. Two hundred dollars for tournaments with up to 100 players;
- B. Three hundred dollars for tournaments with 101 to 150 players;
- C. Four hundred dollars for tournaments with 151 to 200 players;
- D. Five hundred dollars for tournaments with 201 to 250 players; and
- E. Six hundred dollars for tournaments with 251 to 300 players.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 610, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Tournament. The organization licensed to conduct a tournament game under this section shall display the rules of the game and the license issued to conduct the tournament. The maximum number of players allowed is 100 unless the tournament is held on premises owned by the licensee, in which case the maximum number of players allowed is 300. Winners are determined by a process of elimination. The use of currency is prohibited as part of tournament play. The maximum entry fee to play in the tournament is \$100, except the organization may add to the player entry fee to defray the cost of the license fee, as long as the total additional amount collected from all players does not exceed \$200. Only one entry fee is permitted per person. A tournament must be completed within 48 hours. Other games of chance are prohibited, except for lucky seven or similar sealed tickets.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §333-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 610, §3, is further amended to read:

5. Proceeds. ~~Seventy-five percent~~No less than 75% of the entry fees under subsection 4 must be paid as prizes to the winners of the tournament.

Effective September 12, 2009