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An Act To Exempt a Door Prize Awarded at a Fishing Tournament from Being Classified as a Game of Chance

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §331, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 424, §1, is amended to read:

3. Door prizes. Distribution of tickets to any event upon which appear details concerning any prize to be given away as a result of a drawing is to be considered a game of chance within the meaning of this chapter, except that such distribution of tickets containing only the words "Door Prize," without further description, ~~shall be~~ excluded from the provisions of this chapter, provided that as long as no promotional materials or presentations, written or oral, ~~shall~~ further describe the door prize. Distribution of tickets to a fishing tournament permitted under Title 12, section 12504, 12504-A or 12505 upon which appear details concerning a prize to be given away as a result of a drawing is not a game of chance within the meaning of this chapter.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a door prize offered by an organization conducting a fishing tournament permitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is not a game of chance for purposes of licensing games of chance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, chapter 14.