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## An Act To Amend the Bingo Laws

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §4 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

**1-A. Sealed tickets.** The Chief of the State Police may also issue to any federally recognized Indian tribe licenses to sell lucky seven or other similar sealed tickets in accordance with section 324-A. The licensee may at any time use a lucky seven dispenser in connection with the sale of lucky seven tickets or raffle tickets. As used in this subsection, "lucky seven dispenser" means any video, mechanical, electrical or electronic device or machine that, upon the insertion of money, tokens, credit or something of value, dispenses printed lucky seven tickets or raffle tickets.

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 426, §4, is repealed.

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

**3-A. Exception.** ~~Notwithstanding subsection 3, an~~ An organization licensed under this section may operate high-stakes beano or high-stakes bingo games on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

**Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §314-A, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 426, §5, is further amended to read:

**6. Applicability of chapter.** Except when in direct conflict with this section or as specifically provided, all other provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter apply to licenses for high-stakes beano issued under this section. Any rule requiring operators calling the numbers to be seated on the same floor level as the players does not apply to high-stakes beano. A rule pertaining to beano equipment does not apply to high-stakes beano.

## SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the use of a lucky seven dispenser by a licensed Indian tribe in connection with the sale of lucky seven tickets or raffle tickets. It also defines "lucky seven dispenser." In addition it specifies that rules pertaining to beano equipment do not apply to high-stakes beano. The bill also repeals the provision of law that allows an organization to operate high-stakes beano games on 27 weekends per year.