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H.P. 1031

House of Representatives, April 5, 2011

### **An Act To Allow Eligible Nonprofit Organizations To Hold Two Card Games Per Month**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARKE of Bath.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: DION of Portland, KENT of Woolwich, OLSEN of Phippsburg, TUTTLE of  
Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2, is  
3 amended to read:

4 The Chief of the State Police may issue a license to conduct a tournament game as  
5 provided in this section to an organization eligible to conduct beano games under chapter  
6 13-A and games of chance under this chapter. For purposes of this section, "tournament  
7 game" means a game of chance played using a deck of cards with rules similar to poker  
8 or other card games. The Chief of the State Police may not issue a tournament game  
9 license to an organization more than ~~one~~ twice per month.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 Under current law the Chief of the State Police may issue one license a month to  
12 conduct a tournament game, including a Texas Hold 'em game, to an eligible nonprofit  
13 organization. This bill allows the Chief of the State Police to issue 2 licenses a month.