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In Senate, January 17, 2019

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Beano

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: DEVIN of
Newcastle, HANINGTON of Lincoln, SHEATS of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §313-C, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJ, §7, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Registration eligibility.** The Gambling Control Unit may accept registrations
5 from the following organizations to conduct beano to be conducted by in the presence of
6 at least one duly authorized ~~members~~ member for the exclusive benefit of the
7 organization:

8 A. A volunteer fire department;

9 B. An agricultural fair association;

10 C. A bona fide nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational,
11 fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization that has been in existence and
12 founded, chartered or organized in the State for at least 2 years prior to its
13 registration; and

14 D. An auxiliary organization associated with an organization, department or
15 association described in this subsection that has been in existence for at least 2 years
16 prior to submitting a registration to conduct beano to the Gambling Control Unit.

17 The Gambling Control Unit may accept a registration submitted by an organization
18 described in paragraph C that has been in existence for less than 2 years in the State if the
19 organization has a charter from a national organization.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill removes the requirement that beano conducted by organizations such as
22 volunteer fire departments, agricultural fair associations and nonprofit, charitable,
23 educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans
24 organizations be conducted by members of those organizations and instead requires that
25 beano conducted by these organizations be conducted in the presence of at least one
26 member of the organization.