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# State of Maine ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

## January 27, 2010

To:

Senator Bill Diamond, Co-chair

Representative Emily Cain, Co-chair

Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From:

Senator Nancy Sullivan, Co-chair

Representative Pamela Jabar Trinward, Co-chair

Members, Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs

RE:

LD 1671 Supplemental Budget Report-back

The Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs has held 3 worksessions regarding the provisions of LD 1671 "The Supplemental Budget" under its jurisdiction. The committee has voted unanimously to accept all of the initiatives presented (see attached worksheet) with the exception of the following:

- The committee supports reducing the general fund savings under Veterans Services within the Department of Defense Veterans and Emergency Management by \$7,500 to bring the salary of the newly hired veterans services officer in Portland in line with that person's pay grade as an existing state employee. Our intent is to use savings to be recognized with our proposals pertaining to changes to the Gambling Control Board and the Department of Public Safety.
- The committee unanimously rejects the elimination of the position of the executive director of the Gambling Control Board. (See ref #1214 of LVA-7).
- The committee is withholding comment on the two other items under the Gambling Control Board that would reduce funding for the Scientific Games Contract (ref #1213) and the allocation of Other Special Revenue that would transfer funds to the racino host city of Bangor (ref #1215). We will include comment on these with our final recommendation regarding changes to the Gambling Control Board.

# Rejection of the elimination of the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Board

As the committee of jurisdiction over gaming, the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee oversees the slot machine facility in Bangor that generates significant revenue for the state and various other dedicated funds ranging from Sire Stakes to the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Yet, year after year, the Gambling Control Board is the disproportionately the source of revenue to help the Department of Public Safety meet its budget reduction targets. Over the past 3 years the percentage of DPS budget reductions that have come from the Gambling

Control Board is 38%. The committee feels strongly that weakening the oversight of the slot machine facility is irresponsible public policy. According to the 2009-10 racino revenue the following amounts were realized by the General Fund:

1% of Gross Revenue	\$6,917,649
3% of Net Revenue	\$1,583,077
1% of Net Revenue (from OTB reduction)	\$ 325,280
License fees	\$ 461,950
Fund for Healthy Maine Cap at \$4.5 mill	\$ 776,923
(streamlining bill LD 1668 part H)	

Total: \$10,064,879

Since it was established in fiscal year 2005, the position count in the Gambling Control Board has gone from 10 to 6 despite the fact that the number of machines being operated at that facility has more than doubled. The personnel costs to oversee the racino, with the executive director position in tact, constitute less than 5% of the General Fund revenue that the facility generates – the entire budget for board is just over \$1million, including the expensive monitoring contract. Considering the value of proper oversight of the racino, this is a small expense. It would be careless of this legislature to do anything that would compromise or leave vulnerable this significant revenue stream. The proposal put forth in the language changes in part Y would weaken the authority of the Gambling Control Board and transfer the responsibilities of the board's executive director to the current director of licensing and enforcement of liquor and non-profit gaming. As the committee of jurisdiction, we continually hear about the struggles of liquor licensing and gaming to do their work with a bare bones staff. With that understood, where is the surplus of manpower to come from to adequately serve the Gambling Control Board? The committee finds this proposal completely unacceptable.

## **Alternative Proposals Under Consideration**

As of today, the committee has dedicated a significant amount of time to explore alternatives to this proposal. We believe any of the following would cover the savings currently booked by the elimination of the executive director and may even generate additional general fund revenue.

We ask/for additional time as well as your collaboration to develop these alternatives. The following proposals have varying levels of support based on committee discussions. Some have raised significant objections. These alternatives are not mutually exclusive – there could be mergers of particular elements of any or all of these proposals that are still subject to further study and discussion.

• On the table now, is a proposal to bring the administration of non-profit gaming currently with the State Police, under the executive director of the Gambling Control Board. This would necessitate the elimination of a State Police Sergeant position under the gaming division and the transfer of at least 4 existing positions from that division to the Gambling Control Board. This would free up the Other Special Revenue generated from games of chance/beano licensing to fund the executive director of the Gambling Control Board and provide adequate staff to assist the director in the administration of games of chance/beano licensing as well as the racino. Finally, this proposal would remove the Gambling Control Board from the Department of Public Safety and place it under the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. We need to continue our work on this and bring key people to the table to work out the details of this proposal.

- Another proposal being considered would replicate what has been done in LD 1668 with the Fund for a
  Healthy Maine and impose similar caps to the dedicated accounts that receive racino revenue. The
  balance after the cap would be used to pay for the executive director position and maintain funding for
  the scholarships at the University System and Community Colleges. Whatever is left would benefit the
  General Fund.
- Authorizing the Lottery to include Megamillions as part of the mix of games offered by lottery agents through out the state is an additional proposal needing further discussion. Based on testimony presented to the committee this initiative would result in additional lottery revenue equal to \$1.5 million per year starting FY 11. If authorized soon, we could generate an additional \$250,000 by the end of this fiscal year.
- Another proposal would correct the current problem with the monitoring contract at the racino to allow for the system to do electronic processing of promotional credits. Proper administration and use of promotional credits would result in increased revenue from the racino. This would be in addition to making changes to the current monitoring system to eliminate the function of real-time monitoring and replace it with periodic monitoring. Finally, authorizing non-profit entities that have electronic video machines available for use to operate those for the benefit of that non-profit without requiring real time monitoring but rather a less-technical system of reporting.
- Permitting the conduct of table games at the racino in Bangor is an additional proposal that would likely bring significant revenue to the General Fund after covering costs of the board.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our report and we look forward to working with you further.

# PART H

**Sec. H-1. 8 MRSA §1036, sub-§2,** ¶E, as amended by PL 2005, c. 663, §12, is further amended to read:

E. Ten percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the State Controller to be credited to the Fund for a Healthy Maine established by Title 22, section 1511 and segregated into a separate account under Title 22, section 1511, subsection 11, with the use of funds in the account restricted to the purposes described in Title 22, section 1511, subsection 6, paragraph E. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012, the amount credited annually by the State Controller to the Fund for a Healthy Maine under this paragraph may not exceed \$4,500,000 annually and any funds in excess of \$4,500,000 annually during these fiscal years must be credited as General Fund undedicated revenue;

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Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

## **Lottery Operations 0023**

Initiative: Reduces funding by freezing one vacant Office Associate II position until June 12, 2010. This initiative will result in additional undedicated revenue to the General Fund of \$66,298 in fiscal year 2009-10 through a transfer of these savings from the State Lottery Fund.

Ref. #: 22	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vot	e:	
STATE LOTTERY FUND		in	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services			\$0	(\$56,270)	\$0
All Other			\$0	(\$10,028)	\$0
STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL			\$0	(\$66,298)	\$0

#### Justification:

The freezing of one Office Associate II position in Lottery through June 12, 2010 will achieve savings in Personal Services and All Other and provide for the transfer of \$66,298 as undedicated revenue to the General Fund in fiscal year 2009-10. Duties associated with this position will be temporarily assigned to other personnel within the Bureau.

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
STATE LOTTERY FUND	\$0	(\$66,298)	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$66,298)	\$0

## DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

### Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Accounting Technician position from 80% Federal Expenditures Fund, 10% Other Special Revenue Funds and 10% General Fund to 85% Federal Expenditures Fund, 5% Other Special Revenue Funds and 10% General Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 304	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vote	<b>:</b>	
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services			\$0	\$2,888	\$2,939
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			\$0	\$2,888	\$2,939
Ref. #: 305	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vote	e:	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		10	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services			\$0	(\$2,888)	(\$2,939)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		entrativas districti	\$0	(\$2,888)	(\$2,939)

#### Justification:

This reallocation is necessary to coincide with the modifications in the National Guard's Centralized Personnel Plan that occurred as a result of changes in the duties and responsibilities of the employee. The National Guard's Cooperative Agreement specifies that employees must be compensated under the appropriate appendix and any duties performed outside the agreement must be paid for by the corresponding program. In addition to performing duties under the agreement this employee also performs duties for the state and this change package reflects the level of effort that this employee inputs into both state programs and under the agreement.

## Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Reorganizes one Maintenance Mechanic position to a Plumber II position and reallocates the position costs from 100% General Fund to 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 307	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vote:		
GENERAL FUND		10	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services			\$0	(\$9,739)	(\$41,470)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			\$0	(\$9,739)	(\$41,470)
Ref. #: 308	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vote:		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			<b>2008-09</b> 0.000	<b>2009-10</b> 1.000	<b>2010-11</b> 1.000

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		·		\$13,118	\$53,606
EDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			\$0	\$13,118	\$53,606
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This request funds the reorganization due to the S	tate requirements to har	ve a licensed plum	ber repair State fa	acilities. This	
Maintenance Mechanic is currently funded with 1				ed with 75%	
Federal Expenditures Fund and a matching 25% C	seneral Fund per the M	aster Cooperative	Agreement.		
Military Training and Operations 0108					
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Ref. #: 310	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vo	nte:	
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-1
Personal Services			\$0	\$612,000	\$612,000
All Other			\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			\$0	\$3,612,000	\$3,612,000
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Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorga position.	nization of one Build	ing Custodian position	on to a Maintenance	: Mechanic	
Ref. #: 312	Committee Vote:	<u> 4-0</u>	AFA Vote:	· .	
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND Personal Services		in	<b>2008-09</b> \$0	<b>2009-10</b> \$2,077	<b>2010-11</b> \$8,395
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			\$0	\$2,077	\$8,395
Justification: The Bureau of Human Resources approved a mana Maintenance Mechanic position. This position is fu	-			a	
Military Training and Operations 0108					
Initiative: Eliminates one Senior Planner position.					
Ref. #: 313	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vote:		
GENERAL FUND  POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT  Personal Services		in	<b>2008-09</b> 0.000 \$0	2009-10 (1.000) (\$75,115)	<b>2010-11</b> (1.000) (\$79,988)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			\$0	(\$75,115)	(\$79,988)
Justification:  No direct impact to the department because the res	ponsibilities of this po	osition are being perf	ormed by a military	/ position.	
Veterans Services 0110					
Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased sale	s and expenses related	l to commemorative	items.		
Ref. #: 315	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vote:		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other		10	<b>2008-09</b> \$0	<b>2009-10</b> \$0	<b>2010-11</b> \$24,272
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL			\$0	\$0	\$24,272
Justification: This increase is to request additional allocation in a through private donations and sales of veterans' co. The allocation will cover such items as printing ce and medals, graphic art designs, etc. The current a	mmemorative items for rtificates, purchase of	or the purpose of receiveterans' commemor	ognizing Maine's v	eterans.	

#### **Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased private donations used to purchase flags for veterans' graves. Committee Vote: Ref. #: 316 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS \$2,528 \$2,528 \$0 All Other \$2,528 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$0 \$2,528 Justification: This increase is to request additional funding to support the revenues received through private donations for the purpose of purchasing individual United States flags for veterans' graves within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System. This allocation is necessary to ensure each veteran's grave is decorated with an individual flag each Memorial Day. **Veterans Services 0110** Initiative: Reduces funding by delaying the filling of one Grounds Equipment Supervisor position, one seasonal Heavy Equipment Operator position and one seasonal Groundskeeper II position until the Springvale cemetery is opened in fiscal year 2010-11. Ref. #: 317 2009-10 2010-11 **GENERAL FUND** (\$101,049)\$0 Personal Services GENERAL FUND TOTAL (\$101.049)Justification: The Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery opening has been delayed until fiscal year 2010-11 so hiring these 3 positions that were approved in Public Law 2009, chapter 213 can be delayed until then. Veterans Services 0110 Initiative: Reduces funding by not contracting for a traveling veterans services officer. Committee Vote: Ref. #: 318 2010-11 GENERAL FUND All Other GENERAL FUND TOTAL (\$97,500) Change: Fully fund permanent VSO in Portland Offset with Gambling Control Board Proposal.

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## Justification:

A Veterans Services Officer position was established and funding was provided for veterans' transportation in Public Law 2009, chapter 213. These actions have reduced the need for this funding.

Veterans Services 0110					
nitiative: Reduces funding for veterans' fir	nancial assistance.				
Ref. #: 319	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vo	ote:	
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GENERAL FUND  All Other			<b>2008-09</b> \$0	<b>2009-10</b> \$0	<b>2010-1</b> (\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			\$0	\$0	(\$50,000
Justification:					
Reduces the funding available for emergen	cy and temporary grants to ve	terans.			
Veterans Services 0110					
nitiative: Eliminates one seasonal Grounds	skeeper II position.				
Ref. #: 320	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vo	ote:	
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GENERAL FUND  POSITIONS - FTE COUNT			<b>2008-09</b> 0.000	<b>2009-10</b> 0.000	<b>2010-1</b> (0.500
Personal Services			\$0	\$0	(\$25,279
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			\$0	\$0	(\$25,279
Justification:			*		
This would impact the number of full size remaining staff can conduct burials, set hear					
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DEPARTMENT TOTALS			2008-09	2009-10	2010-1
GENERAL FUND			\$0	(\$283,403)	(\$294,237
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FU			\$0	\$3,630,083	\$3,676,940
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE F			\$0	(\$360)	\$23,861
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS			\$0	\$3,346,320	\$3,406,564

Sec. A-48. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

## PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

#### Gambling Control Board Z002

Gambling Control Board Z002					
Initiative: Reduces funding for the Scientific G	ames contract due to low	ver gaming activity.			
Ref. #: 1213	Committee Vote:	Tabled	AFA Vot	e:	
GENERAL FUND			2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other			\$0	(\$30,000)	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<del>electronical des</del>	\$0	(\$30,000)	\$0
Justification: This reduction is based on current gaming activ	vity and will not result in	a decrease in quality o	f the program.		
Gambling Control Board Z002					
Initiative: Eliminates one Public Service Managoversight of the Gambling Control Board progr		ambling Control Board)	position and n	noves	
Ref. #: 1214	Committee Vote:	9-0	AFA Vot	e:	
GENERAL FUND		Out	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	Γ		0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services			\$0	(\$9,412)	(\$104,761)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			\$0	(\$9,412)	(\$104,761)
Justification:					
This proposal decreases the hands on oversight Control. The position is eliminated 3/31/2010	-	or exclusively assigned	to monitor Gan	nbling	
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Gambling Control Board Z002					
Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations of racino revenues by the Revenue Forecasting			ed on an upwar	d reprojection	
Ref. #: 1215	Committee Vote:	tabled	AFA Vo	te:	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other			\$0	\$73,529	\$75,051
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	ΛL	# management of the second of	\$0	\$73,529	\$75,051

### Justification:

The Revenue Forecasting Committee in December 2009 reprojected racino revenues upward for the 2010-11 biennium. This initiative adjusts the allocation to align with projected available resources.

Liquor	Enforcemen	it 0293
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Initiative: Eliminates one Public Safety Inspector II position and related All Other costs within the Liquor Enforcement

program.

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GENERAL FUND		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	NT	0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services		\$0	(\$59,065)	(\$61,329)
All Other		\$0	(\$12,000)	(\$9,480)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$0	(\$71,065)	(\$70,809)

## Justification:

The elimination of a Public Safety Inspector II position will result in a delay in the investigations performed by this unit.

## PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$110,477)	(\$175,570)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$73,529	\$75,051
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$36,948)	(\$100,519)

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

PART Y

Sec. Y-1. 8 MRSA  $\S1001$ , sub- $\S9$ , as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A,  $\S5$  and affected by Pt. B,  $\S11$ , is amended to read:

- 9. Director. "Director" means the executive director of the board Special Investigations Lieutenant in the Maine State Police.
- **Sec. Y-2. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 663, §§4 and 5, is further amended to read:
- 2. Duties. The board shall hire an executive director. The board or the director, as delegated by the board, shall hire staff and retain professional services that the board considers necessary to carry out its responsibilities. In addition, the board or the director or staff, as delegated by the board, shall:
  - A. Enforce the provisions of this chapter and any rules adopted under this chapter;
  - B. Hear and decide all license and registration applications under this chapter and issues affecting the granting, suspension, revocation or renewal of licenses and registrations;
  - C. Review the department's reports of its investigation of the qualifications of an applicant before a license or registration is issued and investigate the circumstances surrounding any act or transaction for which board approval is required;
  - D. Cause the department to investigate any alleged violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter and the direct or indirect ownership or control of any licensee;
  - E. Refer violations of this chapter to the Attorney General to bring action in the courts and administrative tribunals of this State or the United States, in the name of the State of Maine. This paragraph does not limit the authority of district attorneys to prosecute criminal violations of the law;
  - F. Collect all licensing and registration fees and taxes imposed by this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter;
  - G. Develop a standard uniform location agreement;
    - H. Pursuant to subchapter 5, cause the department to investigate all complaints made to the board regarding ownership, distribution or operation of slot machines and all violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter;
    - I. Adopt rules to prevent undesirable conduct relating to the ownership, distribution and operation of slot machines and slot machine facilities, including, but not limited to, the following:
      - (1) The practice of any fraud or deception upon a player of a slot machine or a licensee;

3 (3) The infiltration of organized crime into the ownership, distribution or operation of slot machines and slot machine facilities; and 4 (4) The presence of disorderly persons in a location where slot machines are in 5 6 use; 7 J. Maintain a central site system of monitoring in real time all slot machines licensed in accordance with this chapter using an on-line inquiry; 8 9 Maintain the ability to activate and deactivate the operation of slot machines via the central site monitoring system under authority of board staff or persons contracted 10 11 by the board; Ensure that the slot machine operator does not have access to any system that is 12 13 capable of programming slot machines; Inform commercial track operators applying for a license to operate slot 14 15 machines that any slot machines licensed by the board must be compatible with the central site system of on-line monitoring used by the board; 16 Cause the central site monitoring system to disable a slot machine that does not 17 meet registration requirements provided by this chapter or rules adopted under this 18 chapter or as directed by the department; 19 20 O. Cause the central site monitoring system to disable a slot machine and cause the department to seize the proceeds of that slot machine if the funds from that slot 21 22 machine have not been distributed, deposited or allocated in accordance with section 23 1036; 24 P. Collect all funds and taxes due to the State under sections 1018 and 1036; Certify monthly to the department a full and complete statement of all slot 25 machine revenue, credits disbursed by licensees, administrative expenses and the 26 allocation of slot machine income for the preceding month; 27 R. Submit by March 15th an annual report to the Governor and the joint standing 28 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over gambling affairs on slot 29 machine revenue, credits disbursed by slot machine operators, administrative 30 expenses and the allocation of slot machine income for the preceding year; 31 Prepare and submit to the department a budget for the administration of this 32 33 chapter; and 34 T. Keep accurate and complete records of its proceedings and certify the records as 35 may be appropriate. Sec. Y-3. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2007, c. 274, §20, is 36 further amended to read: 37 38 The board shall keep records and minutes of its activities and meetings. These

(2) The presence or location of a slot machine in or at premises that may be

unsafe due to fire hazard or other public safety conditions;

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records and minutes must be made easily accessible to the public and be provided

expeditiously upon request. The board shall distribute to all licensed emergency

medical services persons a publication listing training opportunities, meeting schedules of the board, proposed rule changes and other information judged by the board to have merit in improving emergency medical patient care in the State. The board shall create, print and distribute this publication in the most cost efficient manner possible. Any paid advertising utilized to accomplish this purpose may not be solicited by board members or staff and must be included in such a way that endorsement of a product or service by the board can not reasonably be inferred. The board may prepare, publish and disseminate educational and other materials to improve emergency medical patient care.

SUMMARY

11 PART Y

This Part amends the law to move oversight of the Gambling Control Board laws to the State Police as the result of an initiative to eliminate the executive director of the Gambling Control Board. This Part also removes the requirement that the Emergency Medical Services' Board print and distribute certain information to improve emergency medical patient care in the State, as this information will be made available electronically.

LVA vote
(in) 9-0

## MEMORANDUM

## **January 8, 2010**

To: Members LVA

From: Danielle Fox

RE: Additional language contained within CJPS committee budget materials relevant to

LVA jurisdiction

FYI

Below is some unallocated language that was printed with the budget materials for Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Sec. Z-3. Transfer; unexpended funds; Alcohol Server Education account. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$87,681 in unexpended funds from the Alcohol Server Education, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public Safety to General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2009-10.

Also, as I noted at the end of our meeting on Wednesday a portion of LVA's budget materials includes some statutory language regarding the Emergency Medical Services Board with DPS that is typically considered by CJPS. See part Y-3 of our budget materials