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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 732, L.D. 2062, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board Laws Regarding Registered Equipment"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 212, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Associated equipment. "Associated equipment" means any mechanical, electromechanical or electronic component part or machine that is used, or intended for use, in a slot machine or table game and that affects the outcome of the game or that is involved in the handling of money, tokens, credits or similar objects or things of value used to play a slot machine or table game or the calculation of or distribution of payoffs of the slot machine or table game.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§17, as amended by IB 2009, c. 2, §6, is further amended to read:

17. Gambling services. "Gambling services" means any goods or services provided to an operator licensed under this chapter or at a gambling facility that are used directly in connection with the operation of a slot machine or table game, including, but not limited to, associated equipment, maintenance, security services or junket services, and excluding slot machine or table game distribution by a slot machine distributor or table game distributor.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1020, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 585, §7, is further amended to read:

1. Registration required. A slot machine may not be operated or distributed pursuant to this chapter unless the slot machine is registered by the board ~~and~~, the slot machine operator is licensed by the board and the each slot machine distributor are each or gambling services vendor that distributed the slot machine or the slot machine's associated equipment is licensed by the board or the slot machine is distributed to and

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1 operated by an accredited postsecondary institution for the purposes of training and
2 education under section 1011, subsection 1-B.

3 **Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1020, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and
4 affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

5 **4. Examination of slot machines and associated equipment.** The board shall, in
6 cooperation with the department, examine slot machines and slot machine associated
7 equipment of slot machine distributors and gambling services vendors seeking
8 registration as required in this chapter. The board shall require the slot machine
9 distributor or gambling services vendor seeking examination and approval of the slot
10 machine or slot machine associated equipment to pay the anticipated cost of the
11 examination before the examination occurs. After the examination occurs, the board shall
12 refund overpayments or charge and collect amounts sufficient to reimburse the board for
13 underpayments of actual cost. The board may contract for the examinations of slot
14 machines and slot machine associated equipment as required by this section.'

15 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
16 section number to read consecutively.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, clarifies that the
19 only licensed entities that may register a slot machine or slot machine associated
20 equipment are licensed slot machine distributors and licensed gambling services vendors.

21 The amendment also changes the definition of "associated equipment" to clarify that
22 only mechanical, electromechanical or electronic components or machines that are used
23 in or intended for use in a slot machine or table game and that affect the outcome of the
24 game or that are involved in the handling of money, tokens, credits or similar objects or
25 things of value used to play a slot machine or table game or the calculation of or
26 distribution of payoffs of the slot machine or table game must be registered.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 **(See attached)**