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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Gambling Control Unit ("GCU") is providing this notice advising the registration and licensing requirements for internet raffles to address the proliferation of noncompliant raffles currently available online.

According to PL 2021, c. 136, §11, codified at 17 M.R.S. § 1837-B, an internet raffle may be conducted only by a licensed internet raffle operator using an internet raffle system certified by an independent testing laboratory approved by the GCU. Additionally, internet raffles must be registered with the GCU. 17 M.R.S. § 1837-A(7).

The GCU may revoke or suspend a registration for a raffle operated by an unlicensed internet raffle operator and impose a fine of \$100 per violation on the registrant pursuant to 17 M.R.S. § 1842. Individuals or organizations holding unregistered internet raffles or operating internet raffles without a license may face criminal prosecution pursuant to 17 M.R.S. § 1844.

If you require additional information, please call our office at 207-626-3900.  
Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Milton Champion, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Milton Champion  
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