

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 916 House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 1,000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Perham of Paris.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT Legalizing Recreational Sports and Games and Certain Other Activities on Sunday.

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

Section 39 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

'Sect. 39a. In any city or town that shall so vote as hereinafter provided it shall be lawful:

1. To engage in as a participant and to attend as a spectator any form of outdoor recreational or competitive games and sports except boxing and wrestling matches between the hours of one P. M. and seven P. M. on Sunday provided no admission is charged or paid directly or indirectly, no participant is paid directly or indirectly for taking part therein and no rewards or prizes are given to participants therein.

2. To conduct, take part in and attend as a spectator, moving picture shows and other indoor places of diversion, recreation and education, except boxing and wrestling matches, between the hours of one P. M. and twelve P. M. on Sunday provided that no admission is charged or paid directly or indirectly unless the same shall be charged or paid for the use and benefit of some recognized charitable or philanthropic purpose approved by the municipal officers of the city or town.

Sect. 39b. Section 39a shall not be effective in any city

until the municipal officers of a city so vote or in any town until an article in a town warrant so providing has been adopted at an annual town meeting. When a city or town has voted in favor of adopting the provisions of section 39a said provisions shall be effective until repealed in the same manner, as above provided.

Sect. 39c. Cities and towns adopting the provisions of section 39a may designate certain areas or places in said cities or towns in which said outdoor games and sports and said indoor activities may be engaged in, and may pass regulations concerning said areas and places to the end that persons attending places of public worship may not be disturbed therein and may prohibit the use of such areas or places as may become sources of objectionable noise or appearance.

Sect. 39d. The municipal officers of cities shall take action upon the acceptance of the provisions of sections 39a to 39f inclusive upon receipt of a petition therefor signed by at least one hundred registered voters in said city and shall hold such public hearings thereon as they may deem necessary. The selectmen or other municipal officers of towns shall insert an article in the warrant for the next annual town meeting for the acceptance of the provisions of said section after receipt of a petition therefor signed by at least twenty-five registered voters of such town.

Sect. 39e. Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 39a to 39d inclusive or any regulation of a city or town made in connection therewith shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of ten dollars and costs of prosecution.

Sect. 39f. The provisions of sections 39a to 39e inclusive may be referred to in proceedings of city governments and in warrants for town meetings as "The Sunday Recreation Law."