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CHAPTER 13
BEANO OR BINGO

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§ 301. License required

No person, firm, association or corporation shall hold, conduct or operate the amusement commonly known as "Beano" or "Bingo" for the entertainment of the public within the State unless a license therefor is obtained from the Chief of the State Police. This chapter shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game.

R.S.1954, c. 139, § 21; 1959, c. 37, § 1.

§ 302. Application

Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to conduct such an amusement shall apply to the Chief of the State Police for a license subject to the provisions set forth. The application shall be signed by the person, or a member of the firm, or an executive officer of the association or corporation to be licensed, and shall contain the full name and address of the person, firm, association or corporation and the location where it is desired to conduct the amusement, and shall bear the consent of the municipal officers of the town or city in which it is proposed to operate such amusement.

R.S.1954, c. 139, § 22.

§ 303. Issuance of license; fees

The Chief of the State Police may issue licenses to operate such amusement for a period of 6 days to any volunteer fire department or any fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization which was in existence at least 2 years prior to its application for a license, when sponsored, operated and conducted for the

exclusive benefit of such organization by duly authorized members thereof. Said 2 years' limitation shall not apply to any chartered posts of veterans organizations, nationally established, even though such posts have not been in existence for 2 years prior to their application for a license; and provided that a license may be issued to a fair association to operate such amusement in conjunction with its annual fair when sponsored, operated and conducted for the benefit of such fair association. No such license shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation other than a volunteer fire department or a fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization. The fee for such license shall be \$2 and shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund. No such licenses shall be assignable or transferable. Nothing contained herein is to be construed to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization from obtaining more than one 6-day license.

R.S.1954, c. 139, § 23; 1957, c. 206; 1963, c. 424.

§ 304. Supervision

The Chief of the State Police shall make such rules and regulations for the holding, conducting and operating of such amusements as he may deem advisable for the purpose of this chapter; and shall have the power and authority to regulate, supervise and exercise general control over the operation of such amusements; and to investigate as to the direct or indirect ownership and control of any licensee; and to revoke or suspend any license because of licensee permitting nuisances, improper conduct, abuse of privileges or for other cause shown upon reasonable notice or hearing.

R.S.1954, c. 139, § 24.

§ 305. Expense of administration

The necessary expenses of administering this chapter shall be paid out of the fees received under said chapter.

R.S.1954, c. 139, § 25.

§ 306. Effect of other laws

All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith shall be inoperative as to this chapter and the share of the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies shall not be

withheld from any such society because of the conducting on the fair grounds of the game of "Beano" or "Bingo."

R.S.1954, c. 139, § 26; 1959, c. 37, § 2.

§ 307. Penalties

Any person, firm, association or corporation holding or conducting, or aiding or abetting in the holding or conducting of such amusement within the State without a license therefor duly issued by the Chief of the State Police, or any person, firm, association or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any of the rules or regulations of the Chief of the State Police prescribed by authority of said chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

R.S.1954, c. 139, § 27.