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April 22, 1943

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State Police

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Attorney General

Beano

This acknowledges your memorandum of April 21st relative to Chapter 355, P. L. 1943, an Act providing for the licensing and regulation of the amusement known as Beano.

You ask:

1. Whether the six-day provision relative to issuance of licenses might be for one day per week for a period of six weeks, or whether it must be for six consecutive days.

2. Whether in conducting the game of Beano, prizes could be given.

It is the opinion of this department:

1. That it would not be proper to issue licenses on a basis of operating one day a week for six weeks, as a reading of Section 3 of the law seems clear that the legislature contemplated a period of six consecutive week days. However, it would be proper to grant a license for a six-day period broken by Sunday, for example, for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

2. There is nothing in the statute relative to giving prizes while conducting the game of Beano. For the time being, at least, your rules and regulations should make no mention in this regard. Possibly, some time in the future, this topic can be discussed with this department. In any event, it does not seem advisable at this time to make any mention one way or the other in your rules and regulations.

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Deputy Attorney General