

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 16, 1963

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brewer of Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Prohibiting Bribery in Professional and Amateur Contests.**

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

**R. S., c. 139, §§ 13-A - 13-B, additional.** Chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, to be numbered 13-A and 13-B, to read as follows:

**'Bribery of Participants in Professional or Amateur Contests.**

**Sec. 13-A. Bribery of participants.** Whoever gives, promises or offers to any professional or amateur baseball, football, hockey, polo, tennis or basketball player or boxer or any player or referee or other official who participates or expects to participate in any professional or amateur game or sport or any jockey, driver, groom or any person participating or expecting to participate in any horse race, including owners of race tracks and their employees, stewards, trainers, judges, starters or special policeman, or to any manager, coach or trainer of any team or participant or prospective participant in any such game, contest or sport, any valuable thing with intent to influence him to lose or try to lose or cause to be lost or to limit his or his team's margin of victory, or in the case of a referee or other official to affect his decisions or the performance of his duties in any way, in a baseball, football, hockey or basketball game, boxing, tennis or polo match or a horse race or any professional or amateur sport, or game, in which such player or participant or jockey or driver or referee or other official, is taking part or expects to take part, or has any duty or connection therewith, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or by both.

**Sec. 13-B. Acceptance of bribes by participants.** A professional or amateur baseball, football, hockey, basketball, tennis or polo player, boxer, or jockey,

driver or groom or participant or prospective participant or referee or other official or prospective referee or other official in any sport or game or a manager, coach or trainer of any team or individual participant or prospective participant in any such game, contest or sport, who solicits or accepts any valuable thing to influence him to lose or try to lose or cause to be lost or to limit his or his team's margin of victory, or in the case of a referee or other official to affect his decisions or the performance of his duties in any way, in a baseball, football, hockey or basketball game or boxing, tennis or polo match, or horse race or any game or sport in which he is taking part, or expects to take part, or has any duty or connection therewith, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.'