

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1616**

H. P. 1145

House of Representatives, January 6, 1964

The Committee on Legal Affairs suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Relating to Issuing Licenses for Beano to Volunteer Fire Departments.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, for many years beano licenses were issued to fire departments; and

Whereas, it has now been ruled that fire departments do not fall within one of the categories eligible for beano licenses under the Revised Statutes, chapter 139, sections 21 to 27; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent financial hardship on many fire departments throughout the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**R. S., c. 139, § 23, amended.** The first sentence of section 23 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 206 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

‘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.'

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.