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EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Beano.

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

Whereas, beano is the most popular form of entertainment of guests in resort hotels and has been used as such in the resorts of this State for many years; and

Whereas, such entertainment in resort hotels has recently been prohibited by the State Police as illegal under Revised Statutes, Title 17, chapter 13; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to enable resort hotel operators to satisfactorily entertain their guests; 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 301, amended. The last sentence of section 301 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'This chapter shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game nor to "Beano" or "Bingo" conducted during a resort season in bona fide resort hotels for the entertainment of guests registered therein.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, § 303-A, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 303-A to read as follows:

Sec. 303-A. Seasonal licenses. Notwithstanding section 303, the Chief of the State Police may issue seasonal licenses to operate such amusement in bona fide resort hotels, provided it is operated and conducted therein by the management without profit and solely for the entertainment of guests of the hotel registered therein, and provided that charges, if any, to the guests for participation in such entertainment shall be limited to a maximum of \$2 in any 24-hour period. The fee for such license shall be \$10 and shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund. Hotel and liquor licenses of any such resort hotel licensees shall not be withheld because of the conducting in such resort hotel of the game of "Beano" or "Bingo."

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