

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1878

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7 H.P. 1433

House of Representatives, January 10, 1984

8 Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
9 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs is suggested and ordered  
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Cote of Auburn.

Co-sponsors: Representative Perry of Mexico and Representative  
McSweeney of Old Orchard Beach.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT to Allow One Beano Game  
18 to be Played in a 24-Hour Period in  
19 a Single Location.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 17 MRSA §314, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by  
24 PL 1981, c. 395, is amended to read:

25 The fee for such a license to any nonprofit orga-  
26 nization is \$3 for each calendar week, or portion  
27 thereof, that the amusement is to be operated, or the  
28 license may be issued for a calendar month for a fee  
29 of \$12.50. All license fees shall be paid to the  
30 Treasurer of State to be credited to the General  
31 Fund. No licenses may be assignable or transferable.  
32 Nothing contained in this section is to be construed  
33 to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any ag-  
34 ricultural fair association or bona fide nonprofit  
35 charitable, educational, political, civic, recrea-

1 tional, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans'  
2 organization from obtaining licenses for a period not  
3 to exceed 6 months on one application. No more than  
4 one license may be issued to any organization for any  
5 one period. No more than one licensee may operate or  
6 conduct a game of "beano" or "bingo" on the same  
7 premises on the same date.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This bill prohibits 2 or more licensees from op-  
10 erating games of beano or bingo on the same premises  
11 on the same date. Licensees who have access to large  
12 capacity halls may provide 3 or more consecutive  
13 games utilizing 3 or more separate organizations at  
14 the same location, thereby drawing large groups of  
15 people because of the opportunity to share in \$3,600  
16 or more prize money. Smaller nonprofit organizations  
17 cannot compete in the same area, on the same date  
18 with these practices, thereby the purpose and intent  
19 of Maine's beano laws are being circumvented to the  
20 detriment of small organizations.

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