

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

NO. 83
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7 H.P. 80 House of Representatives, January 26, 1987
8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Racine of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk,
Representative Greenlaw of Standish and Representative Pouliot
of Lewiston.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
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17 AN ACT Concerning "Beano" or "Bingo" on
18 Indian Reservations.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 17 MRSA §314, as amended by PL 1983, c. 610, is
23 further amended to read:

24 §314. Issuance of license; fees

25 The Chief of the State Police may issue licenses
26 to operate "Beano" "beano" or "Bingo" "bingo" games
27 on a monthly basis to any volunteer fire department
28 or any agricultural fair association or bona fide
29 nonprofit charitable, educational, political, civic,
30 recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or
31 veteran's veterans' organization, including the
32 Penobscot Nation, which was in existence at least 2

1 years prior to its application for a license, when
2 sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive
3 benefit of such organization by duly authorized mem-
4 bers thereof; provided that this chapter or the rules
5 issued under this chapter which limit the prize
6 amount of a beano or bingo game shall not apply to a
7 license issued to the Penobscot Nation for operation
8 within their Indian reservation, namely Indian
9 Island. Said The 2 years' limitation shall not apply
10 to any chartered posts of veterans' organiza-
11 tions, nationally established, even though such
12 posts have not been in existence for 2 years prior to
13 their application for a license nor shall the 2
14 years' limitation apply to any volunteer fire depart-
15 ment or rescue unit; and provided that a license may
16 be issued to an agricultural fair association when
17 sponsored, operated and conducted for the benefit of
18 such agricultural fair association.

19 The fee for such a license to any nonprofit orga-
20 nization is \$3 for each calendar week, or portion
21 thereof, that the amusement is to be operated, or the
22 license may be issued for a calendar month for a fee
23 of \$12.50. All license fees shall be paid to the
24 Treasurer of State to be credited to the General
25 Fund. No licenses may be assignable or transferable.
26 Nothing contained in this section is to be construed
27 to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any ag-
28 ricultural fair association or bona fide nonprofit
29 charitable, educational, political, civic, recrea-
30 tional, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans'
31 organization, including the Penobscot Nation, from
32 obtaining licenses for a period not to exceed 6
33 months on one application. No more than one license
34 may be issued to any organization for any one period.
35 No more than one licensee may operate or conduct a
36 game of "beano" or "bingo" on the same premises on
37 the same date.

38 The fee for the Penobscot Nation for its license
39 shall be 1/2% of gross revenues.

40 All fees required by this chapter shall accompany
41 the application for a license. Fees submitted as li-
42 cense fees shall be refunded if the license is not
43 issued. Fees shall not be refunded for unused li-
44 censes or for any license which is suspended or re-
45 voked as provided by this chapter.

