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House of Representatives, December 31, 1990

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ERWIN of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon, Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford and Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

#### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Concerning the Licensing of Organizations Operating Games of Chance or Beano.



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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314, first  $\P$ , as amended by PL 1977, c. 696, §365, is further amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police may issue licenses to operate "Beano" or "Bingo" games on a monthly basis to any volunteer fire department or any agricultural fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, political, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious, veterans' weteran's veterans' auxiliary organization which that 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. Said The 2 years' limitation shall does not apply to any chartered posts of veterans veterans or veterans auxiliary organizations, nationally established, even though such posts have not been in existence for 2 years prior to their application for a license nor shall does the 2 years' limitation apply to any volunteer fire department or rescue unit; and provided that a license may be issued to an agricultural fair association when sponsored, operated and conducted for the benefit of such agricultural fair association.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §314, 2nd  $\P$ , as amended by PL 1987, c. 197, §2, is further amended to read:

The fee for such a license to any nonprofit organization is \$5 for each calendar week, or portion thereof, that the amusement is to be operated, or the license may be issued for a calendar month for a fee of \$15. All license fees shall must be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund. licenses-may-be A license is not assignable or transferable. Nothing contained in this section is -- to- may be construed to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any agricultural fair association or bona fide nonprofit charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious er, veterans' or veterans' auxiliary organization from obtaining licenses for a period not to exceed 6 months on one application. No more than one license may be issued to any organization for any one period. No more than one licensee may operate or conduct a game of "beano" or "bingo" on the same premises on the same date.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill includes veterans' auxiliary organizations among those groups that may operate beano or bingo games.