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In Senate, January 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Beano and Games of Chance Statutes.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and
Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, LABRECQUE of
Gorham, TRUE of Fryeburg.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 667,
§4, is further amended to read:

6 The Chief of the State Police may issue licenses to operate
beano or bingo games ~~en-a-monthly-basis~~ to any volunteer fire
8 department or any agricultural fair association or bona fide
nonprofit charitable, educational, political, civic,
10 recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans'
organization that was in existence and founded, chartered or
12 organized in the State at least 2 years prior to its application
for a license, when sponsored, operated and conducted for the
14 exclusive benefit of that organization by duly authorized
members. The Chief of the State Police may also issue a license
16 to any auxiliary associated with an organization, department or
association qualified for a license under this section if the
18 auxiliary was founded, chartered or organized in this State and
has been in existence at least 2 years before applying for a
20 license and the games are sponsored, operated and conducted for
the exclusive benefit of the auxiliary by duly authorized members
22 of the auxiliary. Proceeds from any game conducted by the
auxiliary or the auxiliary's parent organization may not be used
24 to provide salaries, wages or other remuneration to members,
officers or employees of the auxiliary or its parent
26 organization, except as provided in sections 326 and 335. The 2
years' limitation does not apply to any organizations in this
28 State having a charter from a national organization, or
auxiliaries of those organizations, even though the organizations
30 have not been in existence for 2 years prior to their application
for a license. The 2 years' limitation does not apply to any
32 volunteer fire department or rescue unit or auxiliary of that
department or unit. A license may be issued to an agricultural
34 fair association when sponsored, operated and conducted for the
benefit of such agricultural fair association.

36 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §336, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 350,
38 §6, is amended to read:

40 **2. Disposition of funds reports.** Within 6 days after the
last day of any period during which a licensed game of chance is
42 conducted with other than an annual license or within 6 days
after the end of each calendar month during which a licensed game
44 of chance is conducted with an annual license, the licensee shall
file with the Chief of the State Police a disposition of funds
46 form prescribed and furnished by the Chief of the State Police,
detailing for the period the total receipts and expenditures of
48 the game and the disposition of funds. Every statement shall must
be made under oath by an officer of the licensee or by the member
50 in charge of the conduct of the game.

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SUMMARY

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The bill amends the beano and games of chance statutes as follows.

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1. It makes a technical change by deleting unnecessary language.

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2. It amends the statute that permits licensing of beano games to make it clear that only Maine organizations may be licensed.

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3. It amends the games of chance disposition of funds reporting requirements to require monthly reports for annual licensees rather than annual reports.