

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

E I G H T Y - S I X T H L E G I S L A T U R E

Legislative Document

No. 186

H. P. 633

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed.
Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Eldridge of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Legalizing Sports and Games under Certain Conditions on
Sunday.

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

Sunday sports law. Section 39 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

'Sec. 39A. **Sunday sports legalized.** In any city or town that shall so vote as hereinafter provided, it shall be lawful to engage in as a participant, manager or official, or to attend as a spectator, any outdoor recreational or competitive sport or game, except boxing or wrestling, between the hours of 1 P. M. and 7 P. M. on Sunday.

Sec. 39B. **Local option.** Section 39A shall not be effective in any city until the municipal officers of a city so vote or in any town until an article in a town warrant so providing has been adopted at an annual town meeting. When a city or town has voted in favor of adopting the provisions of section 39A, said provisions shall be effective until repealed in the same manner, as above provided.

Sec. 39C. **Limitations and regulations.** Cities and towns adopting the provisions of section 39A may designate certain areas or places in said cities or towns in which said outdoor games and sports may be engaged in, and may pass regulations concerning said areas and places to the end that persons attending places of public worship may not be disturbed

therein, provided however that no regulations shall be passed which shall prohibit the receiving of remuneration by any proprietor or owner of such areas or places or by any manager, official, or person in charge of any such sport or game or by any participant therein nor shall they prohibit the charging of admission fees or the taking of collections at any such sport or game.

Sec. 39D. **Procedure.** The municipal officers of cities shall take action upon the acceptance of the provisions of sections 39A to 39F, inclusive, upon receipt of a petition therefor signed by at least 100 registered voters in said city and shall hold such public hearings thereon as they may deem necessary. The selectmen or other municipal officers of towns shall insert an article in the warrant for the next annual town meeting for the acceptance of the provisions of said sections after receipt of a petition therefor signed by at least 25 registered voters of such town.

Sec. 39E. **Penalty.** Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 39A to 39D inclusive, or any regulation of a city or town made in connection therewith, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of \$25 and costs of prosecution.

Sec. 39F. **Short title.** The provisions of sections 39A to 39E inclusive may be referred to in proceedings of city governments and in warrants for town meetings as "The Sunday Sports Law".