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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Whitney of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to the Game of Beano, etc.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 136, § 22 amended.** Section 22 of chapter 136 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 1. Keeping a gambling-house or permitting gambling in house or shop; penalty.** Whoever keeps or assists in keeping a gambling-house, or tenement or other place occupied, used, kept, or resorted to for the purposes described in section 12 of this chapter, or is found gambling or present as described in said section 12, or permits any person to gamble in any way in any tenement or other place under his care or control, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 4 months ; but neither this section nor any of the following sections shall apply to the game known as “Beano” or “Bingo” when operated and sponsored exclusively by and for the sole benefit of a charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious, or veteran organization, under the conditions hereinafter imposed ; and the municipal officers, constables, and police officers of towns and cities, and the assessors of plantations, are required promptly to enforce the laws against gambling rooms, and to make complaint against any person in their respective municipalities when

there is probable cause to believe such person to be guilty of a violation of this section. Trial justices and judges of municipal ~~or police~~ courts, shall have jurisdiction in all prosecutions for violations of this section.

**Sec. 2. Further regulations.** Chapter 136 of the revised statutes is further amended by adding thereto the following section:

**Sec. 1-A. Licenses.** On or before July 1st of each year, said organizations, exempted in the preceding section, which engage in operating said game, shall procure a license from the state tax assessor, paying therefor an annual license fee of \$25 in advance, said license to expire on the 30th day of June, annually.