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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chapman of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Entertainment and Recreation on Sunday.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 121, § 39, amended. Section 39 of chapter 121 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 39. Business, traveling and recreation on the Lord's Day; penalty. Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, workhouse, warehouse or place of business; travels; does any work, labor or business on that day, except works of necessity or charity; uses any sport, game or recreation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion, show or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the operation of common carriers; to the driving of taxicabs and public carriages in attendance upon the arrival or departure of such carriers; to the operation of airplanes; to the driving of private automobiles or other vehicles; to the printing and selling of Sunday newspapers; to the keeping open of hotels, restaurants, garages and drug stores; to the selling of gasoline; or to the giving of scientific, philosophical, religious or educational lectures, or to musical concerts where no admission is charged.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 121, § 40, amended. The first 2 paragraphs of section

40 of chapter 121 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

‘The provisions of this section may be referred to in proceedings of city governments and in warrants for town meetings as “The Sunday ~~Amateur~~ Sports Law.”

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 ~~amateur~~ sport or game, except boxing, horse-racing, air circuses or wrestling, **after the hour of 1 P. M. between the hours of 4 P. M. and 7 P. M. on Sunday.**’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 121, § 40, amended. The 4th paragraph of section 40 of chapter 121 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Cities and town adopting the provisions hereof may designate certain areas or places in said cities or town in which said ~~outdoor amateur~~ 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 the taking of collections, **or the charging of admissions** at any such ~~amateur~~ sport or game.’