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NINETY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 1651 House of Representatives, March 16, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rollins of Greenville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Certain Structures Used by the Public as Spectators.

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

R. S., c. 88, § 53-D, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 53-D, to read as follows:

'Sec. 53-D. Certain structures used by the public, regulated. The insurance commissioner shall make, amend or rescind, after public hearing thereon, notice of which has been duly advertised in the state paper, reasonable rules and regulations with respect to the location, erection, construction and maintenance of grandstands, bleachers, stadiums, arenas, fences, safety barriers or other like structures intended primarily to support or protect spectators during any type of motor vehicle racing.

Such rules and regulations shall become effective when approved in writing by the governor and council and when a certified copy thereof has been filed with the secretary of state. Any person aggrieved by any such rule or regulation or the reasonableness of same, or any act or order of the insurance commissioner in enforcing any such rule or regulation, may appeal to a justice of the superior court by presenting to him a petition

therefor in term time or vacation, and he shall fix a time and place of hearing which may be at chambers, or in vacation, and cause notice thereof to be given to the commissioner; and after the hearing, the justice may affirm or reverse the rule, regulation, act, or order of the commissioner, and the decision of such justice shall be final.

Said commissioner may waive the requirements of any such rules or regulations to cover any special circumstances, conditions, or localities.

No person shall locate, erect, construct or maintain any such structure except as prescribed in such rules and regulations, unless waived by the commissioner as hereinbefore provided. Any violation of such rules and regulations shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20, nor more than \$100, for each offense.'