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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fuller of Bangor

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Lotteries.

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

R. S., c. 126, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 126 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 18. Lotteries and schemes of chance; printing of tickets prima facie evidence. ~~Every~~ **Except as hereinafter provided, every** lottery, policy, policy lottery, policy shop, scheme or device of chance, of whatever name or description, whether at fairs or public gatherings, or elsewhere, and whether in the interests of churches, benevolent objects, or otherwise, is prohibited; and whoever is concerned therein, directly or indirectly, by making, writing, printing, advertising, purchasing, receiving, selling, offering for sale, giving away, disposing of or having in possession with intent to sell or dispose of, any ticket, certificate, share or interest therein, slip, bill, token or other device purporting or designed to guarantee or assure to any person or to entitle any person to a chance of drawing or obtaining any prize or thing of value to be drawn in any lottery, policy, policy lottery, policy shop, scheme or device of chance of whatever name or description; by printing, publishing or circulating the same, or any handbill, advertisement or notice thereof, or by knowingly suffering the same to be published in any newspaper or periodical under his charge, or on any cover

or paper attached thereto; or who in any manner aids therein, or is connected therewith, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$1,000, to be recovered by complaint or indictment to the use of the county, and he may further be punished by imprisonment for 30 days on the 1st conviction; 60 days on the 2nd conviction, and 90 days on the 3rd conviction. All lottery tickets, or materials for a lottery, procured for that purpose, shall be disposed of as provided in section 13, excepting that all personal property used for prizes in any such lottery or device of chance shall be ordered forfeited and turned over to an officer to be sold by him and the proceeds paid into the treasury of the county where seized. The printing, advertising, issuing or delivery of any ticket, paper, document or material representing or purporting to represent the existence of, or an interest in ~~a~~ **an illegal** lottery, policy lottery, game or hazard shall be prima facie evidence of the existence, location and drawing of such lottery, policy lottery, game or hazard, and the issuing or delivery of any such paper, ticket, document or material shall be prima facie evidence of value received therefor by the person or persons, company or corporation who issues or delivers or knowingly aids or abets in the issuing or delivering of such paper, ticket, document or material. **However, it shall be lawful for corporations and other organizations existing in this state for benevolent, charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic and religious purposes, and for veterans' organizations and fair associations located in this state to award door prizes in connection with entertainments presented or conducted by them.**