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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Regulation of Beano.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 139, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 21. Beano.** No person, firm, association or corporation shall hold, conduct or operate the amusement commonly known as "Beano" for the entertainment of the public within the State unless a license therefor is obtained from the ~~chief of the state police~~ **sheriff of the county where "Beano" is to be held or the chief of an organized municipal police department of the municipality where "Beano" is to be held.** Sections 21 to 27, inclusive, shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 139, § 22, amended. The 1st sentence of section 22 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to conduct such an amusement shall apply to ~~the chief of the state police~~ **such sheriff or police chief** for a license subject to the provisions ~~hereinafter~~ set forth.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 139, § 23, amended. Section 23 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 23. Issuance of licenses; fees.** ~~The chief of the state police~~ **Such sheriff or police chief** may issue licenses to operate such amusement for a period of 6 days to any fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patri-

otic, religious or veterans organization which was in existence at least 2 years prior to its application for a license, when sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive benefit of such organization by duly authorized members thereof; ~~provided that said. Said 2 years limitation shall not apply to any chartered posts of veterans organizations, nationally established, even though such posts have not been in existence for 2 years prior to their application for a license. No such license shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation other than a fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization. The fee for such license shall be \$2 and shall be paid to the treasurer of state to be credited to the general fund~~ The fee for such license shall be \$3 and shall accrue to the county if the license is issued by the sheriff or shall accrue to the municipality if the license is issued by the police chief. No such licenses shall be assignable or transferable. Nothing contained herein is to be construed to prohibit any fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization from obtaining more than one 6-day license.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 139, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Supervision. ~~The chief of the state police~~ Such sheriff or police chief shall make such rules and regulations for the holding, conducting and operating of such amusements as he may deem advisable for the purpose of sections 21 to 27, inclusive; and shall have the power and authority to regulate, supervise and exercise general control over the operation of such amusements; and to investigate as to the direct or indirect ownership and control of any licensee; and to revoke or suspend any license because of licensee permitting nuisances, improper conduct, abuse of privileges or for other cause shown upon reasonable notice or hearing.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 139, § 27, amended. Section 27 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 27. Penalties. Any person, firm, association or corporation holding or conducting, or aiding or abetting in the holding or conducting of such amusement within the State without a license therefor duly issued by the ~~chief of the state police~~ sheriff or police chief, or any person, firm, association or corporation who violates any of the provisions of sections 21 to 27, inclusive, or any of the rules or regulations of the ~~chief of the state police~~ sheriff or police chief prescribed by authority of said sections shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.'