

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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state in developing and coordinating long-range plans for post war activities, and shall report to the next special or regular session of the legislature on its activities under this section.

**Sec. 3. Definition.** "Post war activities" whenever used in this act shall mean any activities involving employment in the field of public or private enterprise which will aid in facilitating the change from the economy of war to an economy of peace.

**Sec. 4. "Maine Post War Public Works Reserve" established.** There is hereby established an account to be known as the "Maine Post War Public Works Reserve" for which there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000 to be taken from the sinking fund reserve of the general fund, which account shall be set up as a separate account on the books of the state and shall be available only for expenditures by the state for projects involving post war activities for capital acquisition, replacement, improvements, construction, reconstruction and deferred maintenance, including, but not by way of limitation, expenditures made in cooperation with the federal government or its agencies for the purpose of carrying out such projects, which expenditures may include the cost of plans and specifications for such projects and general surveys related thereto, provided, however, that the cost of such plans, specifications and surveys shall not exceed \$50,000 in the aggregate.

**Sec. 5. Approval of projects.** Except for the \$50,000 to be used for the cost of planning as specified in section 4, no expenditures shall be made from this fund until the project or projects have been approved by legislative resolve.

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## Chapter 354

### AN ACT Relating to Sale and Use of Fireworks.

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

**Sec. 1. Devices for firing blank cartridges, and fire balloons, etc., not to be sold.** It shall be unlawful to sell any toy gun, toy cane or cannon that can be used to fire blank cartridge or cartridges, any fire balloon, so called, parachute or similar article carrying a lighted substance.

**Sec. 2. Limitation on shell of salutes to be sold.** It shall be unlawful to sell any marble salute, cherry salute, globe flash salute, so called, or any firecracker or salute having a shell or casing combined on any substance harder than any ordinary paper.

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**Sec. 3. Limitation on size of salutes and torpedoes to be sold.** It shall be unlawful to sell any O. K. salutes and flash salute, radio flash salute, devil dog salute, so called, or any firecracker or salute the external dimensions of which exceed 2 inches in length or  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter, or which is designed to explode upon the ground when containing over 10 grains of explosive composition. No torpedoes, so called, shall be sold when exceeding the length of  $\frac{7}{8}$  of an inch in diameter or containing over 4 grains of explosive composition, nor any rocket larger than those commercially designed and 1 pound in weight, provided, however, that the above shall not apply to sky rockets discharged in pyrotechnical display when in the hands of competent experts. No salute shall be sold exceeding 2 inches in length, and none shall contain dynamite, fulminate of mercury, nitroglycerine or any high explosive known as T. N. T. provided, however, that this shall not apply to the use of signal torpedoes by railroads in the operation with their trains.

**Sec. 4. Limitations on sale of fireworks enumerated in section 3.** No fireworks enumerated in section 3 of this act shall be displayed for sale except in show cases on shelves or in windows where they are completely enclosed.

**Sec. 5. Manufacturers of fireworks to furnish bond.** Any person, firm or corporation that manufactures fireworks that contracts with any city or town to furnish a public display of fireworks shall post a bond in the sum of \$10,000 with the city or town treasurer, to reimburse the said city or town for any damages caused by the use of the fireworks, provided, however, that the above shall not apply to a display of fireworks that does not exceed \$250 in cost.

**Sec. 6. Use of Bear Cat torpedoes, and sky rockets regulated.** It shall be unlawful to carry for sale or give away any torpedo of the type known to the trade as a Bear Cat torpedo. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to lay any sky rocket on any sidewalk, street, or vacant lot within the state, but all sky rockets shall be discharged upwards in chutes or racks.

**Sec. 7. Dago bombs forbidden.** It shall be unlawful to have for sale in the state any dago bombs or aerial flash salutes.

**Sec. 8. Pyrotechnical displays regulated.** Pyrotechnical displays may be given at any time in licensed amusement parks, or in a suitable place in any city or town; provided, however, that the display is supervised by a suitable expert.

**Sec. 9. Penalty.** Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days in jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 10. Repealing clause. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed or amended to conform with the provisions hereof.

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## Chapter 355

### AN ACT Providing for the Licensing and Regulation of the Amusement Known as Beano.

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

Sec. 1. 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. This act shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game.

Sec. 2. License. Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to conduct such an amusement shall apply to the chief of the state police for a license subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth. The application shall be signed by the person, or a member of the firm, or an executive officer of the association or corporation to be licensed, and shall contain the full name and address of the person, firm, association or corporation and the location where it is desired to conduct the amusement, and shall bear the consent of the municipal officers of the town or city in which it is proposed to operate such amusement.

Sec. 3. Issuance of licenses; fees. The chief of the state police may issue licenses to operate such amusement for a period of 6 days to any fair association, or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious, or veterans organization which was in existence at least 2 years prior to their application for a license, when sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive benefit of such organization by duly authorized members thereof. 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 general funds. 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. Supervision. The chief of the state police shall make such