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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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status, the right to vote, rights relating to the granting, renewal, forfeiture or denial of a license, permit, privilege or benefit pursuant to any law, and the right to enter contractual relationships and to manage his property.

A. Any limitations imposed by the head of the hospital on the exercise of these rights by the patient and the reasons for such limitations shall be made a part of the clinical record of the patient.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 8

AN ACT Relating to Beano.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, beano is the most popular form of entertainment of guests in resort hotels and has been used as such in the resorts of this State for many years; and

Whereas, such entertainment in resort hotels has recently been prohibited by the State Police as illegal under Revised Statutes, Title 17, chapter 13; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to enable resort hotel operators to satisfactorily entertain their guests; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 301, amended. The last sentence of section 301 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'This chapter shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game nor to "Beano" or "Bingo" conducted during a resort season in bona fide resort hotels for the entertainment of guests registered therein.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, § 303-A, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 303-A to read as follows:

§ 303-A. Seasonal licenses

Notwithstanding section 303, the Chief of the State Police may issue seasonal licenses to operate such amusement in bona fide resort hotels, provided it is operated and conducted therein by the management without profit and solely for the entertainment of guests of the hotel registered therein, and provided that charges, if any, to the guests for participation in such entertainment shall be limited to a maximum of \$2 in any 24-hour period. The fee for such license shall be \$10 and shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the

General Fund. Hotel and liquor licenses of any such resort hotel licensees shall not be withheld because of the conducting in such resort hotel of the game of "Beano" or "Bingo."

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 12, 1965

Chapter 9

AN ACT Relating to Secondary Tuition for Children Committed to the Stevens Training Center.

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

R. S., T. 15, § 2716, amended. The last paragraph of section 2716 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'At the discretion of the superintendent, any such female child deemed to be eligible shall be granted entrance into the ~~Hallowell High School~~ secondary school maintained within School Administrative District #16 under the same conditions as pupils residing in ~~towns~~ administrative units which do not maintain a standard secondary school, as provided in Title 20, section 129I, except the tuition for such child shall be paid by said superintendent from the appropriation to the said center and shall be based on the average instructional cost per pupil for the year preceding that for which the tuition is paid in an amount not exceeding the receiving school's average cost per pupil for the current fiscal year to be determined as provided by Title 20, section 1292.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 10

AN ACT Relating to Informal Admission of the Mentally Ill.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2290, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2290, to read as follows:

§ 2290. Informal admission

Any person 16 years of age or over, having no criminal action pending against him, desiring admission to a hospital for the mentally ill other than a private hospital, for care and treatment of a mental illness, may be admitted, subject, except in case of medical emergency, to the availability of suitable accommodations, as a patient without making formal application therefor, although standard hospital information may be elicited, if, after examination, the head of the hospital deems such person suitable for such admission, care and treatment. Any such patient shall be free to leave such hospital at any time after admission.