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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 409

AN ACT to Promote Efficiency in Public Utilities.

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

35 MRSA § 51 is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

In determining just and reasonable rates, the commission may consider whether the utility is operating as efficiently as possible and is utilizing sound management practices.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 410

AN ACT Amending Certain Laws Relating to Games of Chance.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA § 330, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, § 3, is amended to read:

1. **Game of chance.** "Game of chance" shall mean a game, scheme, or device in which a player or participant risks something of value for a chance to win something of value and in which an element of chance or luck, rather than skill, is the dominating element which determines the ~~risk~~ outcome of the game or the result of the risk. For the purposes of this chapter, "Beano" or "Bingo" is not to be included in this definition.

Sec. 1-A. 17 MRSA § 332, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Title, the Chief of the State Police may issue a license to an agricultural society eligible for the state stipend under Title 7, section 62, to operate a game of chance on the grounds of and during the annual fair of such agricultural society or to any bona fide nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic or religious organization, or to a volunteer fire department, any of which must have been founded, chartered or organized in Maine prior to its application for a license, when such game of chance is sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive benefit of such organization by duly authorized members thereof who shall be residents of the State of Maine and who shall have been residents of the State of Maine for a continuous period of at least 6 months prior to the operation or conduct of such game.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA § 334, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 735, § 3, is amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police may require such evidence as he may deem necessary to satisfy him that ~~such~~ an applicant organization conforms to the restrictions and other provisions of this ~~Title~~ chapter.