

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**The following law
(P.L. 1979, ch. 271)
was repealed by people's veto,
March 11, 1980.**

Question:

**"Shall 'An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Games of Chance,' which
Prohibits the Licensing of Games of Chance Conducted with Gambling
Machines, Become Law?"**

Yes: 14,520

No: 32,131

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required by the certificate of approval holder.

§ 676. No waiver

No certificate of approval holder shall require any wholesaler to waive compliance with any provisions of this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit or prohibit good faith settlements of disputes voluntarily entered into between the parties.

§ 677. Sale of certificate of approval holder

The purchaser of a certificate of approval holder, as defined in this chapter, shall become obligated to all of the terms and conditions of the agreement in effect on the date of purchase. "Purchase," as defined for the purposes of this chapter, shall include, but shall not be limited to, the sale of stock, sale of assets, merger, lease, transfer or consolidation.

§ 678. Coverage

The provisions of this chapter shall cover agreements in existence on the effective date of this chapter, as well as agreements entered into after the effective date of this chapter.

§ 679. Right of free association

No certificate of approval holder or wholesaler shall restrict or inhibit, directly or indirectly, the right of free association of certificate of approval holders or wholesalers for any lawful purpose.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 271

H. P. 672 — L. D. 833

AN ACT to Amend the 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-§ 3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Machine. "Machine" shall mean any machine, however operated, the internal mechanism of which when set in motion and by the application of the element of chance may deliver or entitle the person playing or operating the machine to receive cash, premiums, merchandise or tickets.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA § 332, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 350, § 4, is amended to read:

3. Schemes prohibited. No license shall be issued for the conduct or operation of any **machine**, slot machine or roulette, or for the operation of any games commonly known as policy or numbers.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 272

H. P. 508 — L. D. 625

AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to Beano or Bingo.

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

17 MRSA § 311, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 307, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Beano. “Beano” shall mean a specific kind of group game of chance, regardless of whether such a game is characterized by another name. Wherever the term “beano” is used, the word “bingo” or any other word used to characterize such a game may be interchanged. In “beano,” each participant is given or sold one or more tally cards, so-called, each of which contains numbers or letters and may or may not be arranged in vertical or horizontal rows. The participant covers the numbers or letters as objects similarly numbered or lettered are drawn from a receptacle, and the game is won by the person who first covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers or letters on the tally card.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 273

H. P. 1036 — L. D. 1273

AN ACT to Amend the Burden of Proof Placed on the Bureau of Taxation in an Appeals Proceeding.

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