

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

December 5, 1990 to July 10, 1991

Chapters 1 - 590

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS  
OCTOBER 9, 1991

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,  
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
1991

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Appropriations and Financial Affairs the amount, if any, of General Fund revenue set aside.

**Sec. 5. Effective date.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1991.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, unless otherwise indicated.

Effective July 14, 1991, unless otherwise indicated.

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## CHAPTER 590

S.P. 765 - L.D. 1956

### An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Use Proceeds from Beano or Bingo for Limited Purposes

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

17 MRSA §326, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 825, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

#### §326. Proceeds

1. Payment of proceeds. An organization licensed to operate beano, bingo or lucky seven games may use the proceeds or part of the proceeds to pay salaries, wages or remuneration to any person directly and essentially involved in operating the beano, bingo or lucky seven game. An organization that chooses to make such payments must file with the Chief of the State Police, at least quarterly, a disposition of funds form prescribed by the Chief of the State Police detailing all payments made pursuant to this section. Every statement on the form must be made under oath by an officer of the organization but notarization is not required.

2. Rules. The rules adopted pursuant to section 317 must contain standards governing payments made under this section and must limit payments to reasonable compensation, taking into account the nature of the services rendered, comparable wage rates, the size of the organization and other revenues, the size of the games and the revenue generated by the games. Payments under this section may not exceed 20% of the revenue generated by the games. The Chief of the State Police may disallow any excessive payment of proceeds, may suspend an organization's license for excessive payment of proceeds and may condition the restoration of an organization's license on the repayment of an excessive payment of proceeds to the organization.

See title page for effective date.

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