

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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REVISED STATUTES  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
1954

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1957 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT

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and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (1955, c. 138.)

#### **Budget Planning Business.**

**Sec. 51. Budget planning business prohibited.**—No person, firm, association or corporation shall engage in the business of budget planning. The provisions of sections 51 to 53, inclusive, shall not apply to those admitted to the practice of law. (1955, c. 408.)

**Sec. 52. Definition.**—“Budget planning” means the making of a contract with a particular debtor, whereby the debtor agrees to pay a certain amount periodically to the person engaged in the budget planning, who shall distribute the same among certain specified creditors in accordance with a plan agreed upon. (1955, c. 408.)

**Sec. 53. Penalty.**—Whoever, either individually or as the officer or employee of any person, corporation or association, violates any of the provisions of section 51 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (1955, c. 408.)

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### **Chapter 138.**

#### **Crimes against Marital or Family Status and Children. Crimes against Children.**

**Sec. 13-A. Aiding in delinquency of child under 17 years.**—Any person who shall be found to have caused, induced, abetted, encouraged or contributed toward the waywardness or delinquency of a child under the age of 17, or to have acted in any way tending to cause or induce such waywardness or delinquency, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (1955, c. 414, § 1.)

**Sec. 14. Violation of §§ 9, 12 and 13-A.**—In order to find any person guilty of violating the provisions of sections 9, 12 and 13-A, it shall not be necessary to prove that the child is actually in delinquency or distress, provided it appears from the evidence that through any act or neglect or omission of duty or by any improper act or conduct on the part of the accused the distress or delinquency of any child may have been caused or merely encouraged. (R. S. c. 125, § 13. 1955, c. 414, § 2.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment added § 13-A to the sections referred to.

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### **Chapter 139.**

#### **Gambling. Bucket Shops. Lotteries. Beano.**

Section 28. Audience Participation.

#### **Beano.**

**Sec. 23. 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 its application for a license, when sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive benefit of such organization by duly authorized members thereof. Said 2 years' limitation shall not apply to any chartered posts of veterans organizations, nationally established, even though such posts have not been in existence for 2 years prior to their application for a license; and provided further, that a license may be issued to a fair association to operate such amusement in conjunction with its annual fair when sponsored, operated and conducted for the benefit of such fair association. 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 the general fund. 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. (R. S. c. 126, § 23. 1947, c. 172. 1957, c. 206.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 proviso at the end of the present second amendment made the former first sentence into two sentences and added the

### Audience Participation.

**Sec. 28. Audience participation in radio or television amusements or games.**—Nothing contained in this chapter shall apply to or prohibit the conducting or operating over television or radio with audience participation of any amusement, game or program, whether or not the same involves the awarding of prizes or the element of chance, provided the participants pay no consideration in cash or other property directly or indirectly for the privilege of participating therein. (1955, c. 16.)

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## Chapter 140.

### Cruelty to Animals.

**Sec. 3. Shooting of pigeons and other birds for amusement; not applicable to wild game.**—Whoever keeps or uses any live pigeon, fowl or other bird for a target or to be shot at, either for amusement or as a test of skill in marksmanship, and whoever shoots at any bird as aforesaid or is present as a party, umpire or judge at such shooting, and whoever rents any building, shed, room, yard, field or premises, or knowingly suffers the use of the same for such purpose, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days. Nothing in this section prohibits the shooting of wild game in its wild state or the shooting of birds at field trials under the supervision of the department of inland fisheries and game in accordance with the provisions of section 117-A of chapter 37. (R. S. c. 127, § 3. 1953, c. 11, § 1. 1955, c. 290, § 23.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment substituted, in the last sentence, the reference to § 117-A of chapter 37 for a reference to § 151 of chapter 37.

**Sec. 17. Disposition of old, maimed, disabled, diseased, injured or abandoned animals.**—Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer or agent for any society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or any person authorized to make arrests may apply to any municipal court or trial justice for process to permit the applicant to take possession of any old, maimed, disabled, diseased or injured animal or any animal whose owner has cruelly abandoned or cruelly fails to take care of or provide for, or for process to cause the same to be