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of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days. (1959, c. 155.)

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.

Chapter 139.

Gambling. Bucket Shops. Lotteries. Beano.

Sections 21 to 27. Beano or Bingo.

Section 28. Audience Participation.

Lotteries.

Sec. 18. Lotteries and schemes of chance; printing of tickets prima facie evidence.

This section shall not prohibit the awarding of a prize or thing of value as the result of a drawing of a signed slip or certificate where there is no monetary consideration required from the signatory in order to participate in the drawing. (R. S. c. 126, § 18. 1959, c. 310.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment added the above as the last paragraph in this section. As the rest of the section was not affected by the amendment, it is not set out.

Beano or Bingo.

Sec. 21. Beano or Bingo.—No person, firm, association or corporation shall hold, conduct or operate the amusement commonly known as “Beano” or “Bingo” for the entertainment of the public within the state unless a license therefor is obtained from the chief of the state police. Sections 21 to 27 shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game. (R. S. c. 126, § 21. 1959, c. 37, § 1.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment added the words “or ‘Bingo’” in this section.

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 sentence.

Sec. 26. Effect of other laws.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith shall be inoperative as to sections 21 to 27 and the share of the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies shall not be withheld from any such society because of the conducting on the fair grounds of the game of "Beano" or "Bingo." (R. S. c. 126, § 26. 1959, c. 37, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment added the words "or 'Bingo'" at the end of this section.

Audience Participation.

Sec. 28. Audience or reader participation in radio, television or newspaper amusements or games.—Nothing contained in this chapter shall apply to or prohibit the conducting or operating over television or radio or by newspaper publication with audience or reader participation as directed by the sponsor 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. 1959, c. 94.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment added "or by newspaper publication" following "radio," "or reader" following "audience" and "as directed by the sponsor" following "participation" in this section.

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