

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

H.P. 126 - L.D. 151

**An Act To Allow 2 Eligible Organizations To Jointly Hold a Game of Beano  
or Bingo**

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §314, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 684, §1, is further amended to read:

The fee for such a license to any nonprofit organization is \$12.00 for each calendar week, or portion thereof, that the amusement is to be operated, or the license may be issued for a calendar month for a fee of \$36.00 or a calendar year for a fee of \$400. A special per-game license may be issued to any qualified nonprofit organization for the purposes of operating a game of "beano" or "bingo" for a fee of \$5.00. The special per-game license may not be issued more than 6 times to any one organization in a calendar year. All license fees must be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund. A license is not assignable or transferable. Nothing contained in this section may be construed to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any agricultural fair association or bona fide nonprofit charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious, veterans' organization or auxiliary of any of them from obtaining licenses for a period not to exceed 6 months on one application. No more than one license may be issued to any organization for any one period. ~~No~~ Except as provided in section 315-A, no more than one licensee may operate or conduct a game of "beano" or "bingo" on the same premises on the same date.

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §315-A** is enacted to read:

**§315-A. Limited dual beano license**

The Chief of the State Police may issue a limited dual beano license to 2 organizations eligible for a regular license to conduct a game of beano. A limited dual beano license permits 2 organizations to conduct beano jointly on the same date and at the same location. An organization may only conduct beano under the authority of a dual license on 2 occasions during a calendar year. The following provisions apply to licensure under this section.

**1. Application.** The 2 organizations wishing to conduct beano jointly shall submit an application to the Chief of the State Police in a manner prescribed by the chief.

**2. Lead applicant.** One organization must be identified as the lead applicant and acknowledge responsibility for any violation of the laws or rules governing beano committed during the conduct of the game.

**3. Disposition of revenue.** Revenue received from the conduct of the game must be divided in equal amounts between both organizations. Each organization shall file a disposition of funds report as if that organization had conducted beano independently.

**4. License fee.** The license fee for a limited dual beano license is \$12.

**5. Sealed tickets.** A limited dual beano license does not authorize the licensed organizations to sell sealed tickets jointly.

**6. Application of other laws.** Unless otherwise provided by this section, the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted in accordance with this chapter apply to beano games conducted under a limited dual beano license.