

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission and Kevin W. Fitzgerald relative to making certain changes in the conduct of the game commonly called Beano. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE CONDUCT OF BEANO.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 38 of Chapter 10 as inserted in the
2 General Laws by Section 1 of Chapter 729 of the Acts of 1973
3 and most recently amended by Chapter 19 of the Acts of 1984
4 is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence of
5 paragraph five and inserting in its place the following:

6 No licensee shall give a prize which exceeds fifty dollars in value,
7 except that a licensee may give two prizes on any one day as long
8 as each prize does not exceed two hundred dollars in value, either
9 in cash or merchandise or four prizes on any one day as long as
10 each prize does not exceed one hundred dollars in value, either
11 in cash or merchandise; except that if the first and last game,
12 multiple game or series of games played on any day on which the
13 licenses is allowed to conduct beano is a winner-take-all game,
14 multiple game or series of games, all receipts from the sale of
15 beano cards for said winner-take-all game, multiple game or series
16 of games, less taxes due the commonwealth under the provisions
17 of section thirty-nine and an amount not to exceed five per cent
18 of said receipts shall be awarded as prizes for said winner-take-
19 all game, multiple game or series of games, except that no single
20 prize so awarded may exceed five hundred dollars in either cash
21 or merchandise, and provided, that when more than one player
22 is to be a winner on the call of the same number, the designated
23 prize shall be divided equally to the next nearest dollar, and

24 provided, further, that if a licensee so elects, no winner shall
25 receive a prize which amounts to less than ten per cent of the
26 announced prize and that in such case the total of said multiple
27 prizes may exceed the statutory limit of said game.

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 38 of Chapter 10 is hereby further
2 amended by striking out the first sentence of paragraph nine
3 thereof and inserting in its place the following:

4 Any organization licensed under this section to conduct said
5 game shall operate, manage, and control said game by members
6 of the local branch of said organization who have been such
7 members for at least two years; provided, however, that the
8 director may in his sole discretion waive all or part of the said
9 two year membership requirement.