

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler and Garreth J. Lynch for legislation to require approval by voters of cities and towns prior to issuance of a license for the operation, holding or conducting of the game commonly called Beano. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF A CITY OR TOWN PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO PLAY THE GAME COMMONLY CALLED BEANO.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which in part is to provide at once additional
3 revenue for charitable organizations and the Commonwealth,
4 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary
5 for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 The third paragraph of Section 4 of Chapter 486 of the Acts of
2 1971 as amended by Chapter 244 Acts of 1974 is hereby stricken
3 out and inserted in place thereof the words: — “If a majority of
4 the votes cast in a city or town in answer to said question is in the
5 affirmative, such city or town shall be taken to have authorized
6 the operation, holding or conducting of a game commonly called
7 beano in accordance with the provisions of sections thirty-eight
8 and thirty-nine of chapter ten of the General Laws, for the period
9 ending December the thirty-first nineteen hundred and seventy-
10 five. In the year nineteen hundred and seventy-five, said question
11 shall again be submitted to the qualified voters of the cities and
12 towns at city or town elections in the same manner, and, if a
13 majority of the votes cast in a city or town in answer to said
14 question is in the affirmative, such city or town shall be taken to
15 have authorized the operation, holding or conducting of a game

16 commonly called beano in accordance with the provisions of
17 sections thirty-eight and thirty-nine of chapter ten of the General
18 Laws. In the event a city or town fails to place the required
19 question upon its official ballot as required herein, it shall be
20 placed on the official ballot for the next regular city or annual
21 town election and such city or town shall be taken to have
22 authorized the operation, holding or conducting of the game
23 commonly called beano until such time as the required question
24 appears if a majority of the votes cast in such city or town in
25 answer to said question was in the affirmative the next prior time
26 the question appeared on said official ballot.”