

By Mr. McNeil of Malden, petition of John C. McNeil for legislation to further regulate the game commonly called Beano. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF THE GAME CALLED 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 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws as appearing in
2 Section 1 of Chapter 729 of the Act of 1973, is hereby amended by
3 striking out said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
4 following: —

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

23 no winner shall receive a prize which amounts to less than ten per
24 cent of the announced prize and that in such case the total of said
25 multiple prizes may exceed the statutory limit of said game. Multi-
26 ple games may be played provided that the winner or winners of
27 any individual game played in a multiple game shall not receive a
28 prize in excess of the statutory limit except as otherwise provided in
29 this paragraph. In addition to the prizes allowed by this paragraph,
30 a licensee may award a door prize or prizes, the aggregate value of
31 which shall not exceed two hundred dollars in cash or merchandise.