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CHAPTER 339.

AN ACT to create 348.57 of the statutes, relating to bribing participants in contests and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

348.57 of the statutes is created to read:

348.57 BRIBING OF PARTICIPANTS IN CONTESTS. (1) Whoever corruptly gives, offers or promises to or in behalf of any participant in any contest of skill, speed, strength or endurance of man or beast, any gift or gratuity whatever with intent thereby to influence the participant to refrain from exerting his full degree of skill, speed, strength or endurance in such contest; or any such participant who corruptly requests or accepts a gift or gratuity or promise to make a gift or promise to do an act beneficial to himself, under an agreement or with an understanding that he shall refrain from exerting his full degree of skill, speed, strength or endurance in such contest, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than 6 months nor more than 5 years or by fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) The word "participant" as used in subsection (1) shall include any person who is selected to or who expects to take part in any such contest.

(3) No person shall be excused from attending, testifying or producing books, papers, and documents before any court in a prosecution under this section on the ground or for the reason that the testimony or evidence required of him may tend to criminate him, or to subject him to a penalty or forfeiture. But no person who testifies or produces evidence in obedience to the command of the court in such prosecution shall be liable to any suit or prosecution, civil or criminal, for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may so testify or produce evidence, but no person shall be exempted from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

Approved June 20, 1945.