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## NOTES AND LEGISLATION

### STATUTORY TRENDS TOWARD LEGALIZATION OF GAMBLING

The desire of man to get something for nothing is evidenced by the fact that he has played at games of chance since time immemorial.<sup>1</sup> Likewise from a very early date the sovereign has endeavored to suppress this form of amusement by means of statutes or laws. The earliest

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<sup>1</sup> There was a profusion of gambling among primitive people, and the lucky winner was looked upon as having the favor of the deities. Chinese gamblers were known to stake their right hands and, losing, cut them off. 6 ENCYC. SOC. SCI. 555 (1931); 10 ENCYC. BRIT. 12 (1946).