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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
110TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 864, L.D. 2006, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Harness Racing at Agricultural Fairs,
the State Stipend and Pari-mutuel Pools."

Amend the bill in section 2, in that part designated
"\$274.", subsection 1 by striking out all of the last under-
lined sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'The maximum shall include the tax on regular wagers and the
tax on exotic wagers prescribed in section 275.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the
following:

'Sec. 3 8 MRSA §275, 1st ¶, as last amended by PL
1979, c. 672, Pt. A, §47, is repealed and the following
enacted in its place:

On the effective date of this paragraph each person,
association or corporation licensed to conduct a race meet
under this chapter shall pay to the Treasurer of State, to
be credited to the General Fund of the State, a sum equal to
.70% of the total contributions of regular wagers and 3.80%
of the total contributions of exotic wagers to all
pari-mutuel pools conducted or made at any race or race meet
licensed under this chapter. Beginning January 1, 1983,
each person, association or corporation licensed to conduct
a race meet under this chapter shall pay to the Treasurer of
State, to be credited to the General Fund of the State, a
sum equal to .50% of the total contributions of regular
wagers and 2.27% of the total contributions of exotic wagers
to all pari-mutuel pools conducted or made at any race or
race meet licensed under this chapter. Each licensee shall
calculate on an annual basis the difference between the sum
paid by him pursuant to this paragraph, as it then existed,
for calendar year 1981 and the sum paid by him pursuant to
this paragraph for each succeeding calendar year. One-half
of this difference shall be used for the purpose of supple-

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1 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 864, L.D. 2006

2 menting purse money.

3 Further amend the bill by renumbering section 3 to be
4 section 4.

5 FISCAL NOTE

6 The anticipated reduction in General Fund revenues as a
7 result of the enactment of section 3, which lowers in 2
8 stages the rate of the general tax on the total handle, is
9 \$65,000 for fiscal year 1981-82 and \$329,264 for fiscal year
10 1982-83.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this amendment is to lower in 2 stages
13 the rate of the general tax on the total handle. The new
14 section 3 will require that all harness racing tracks and
15 all agricultural societies which conduct pari-mutuel harness
16 racing meets use one-half of their annual tax savings, as
17 measured against their 1981 payments, to increase the amount
18 of purses paid. In addition, this amendment adds a fiscal
19 note and corrects a reference.

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Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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