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House of Representatives, February 28, 2007

### **An Act To Allow and Regulate Additional Pari-mutuel Wagering at Commercial Tracks**

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Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, JACKSON of Allagash, MAREAN of Hollis,  
McDONOUGH of Scarborough, MOORE of Standish, PINEAU of Jay, SAVIELLO of  
Wilton, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-B, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

3 **3. Live, simulcast or replayed races.** A commercial track may sell pari-mutuel  
4 pools on live, simulcast or replayed horse races using technology determined by the  
5 commission by rule as being most beneficial to the industry. Technology allowed under  
6 this subsection must allow telephone account wagering. Rules adopted to govern  
7 telephone account wagering pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as  
8 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

9 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §275-B, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

10 **4. Lucky seven.** Lucky seven or similar sealed tickets may be sold by a commercial  
11 track when that game of chance is licensed by the Chief of the State Police. Lucky seven  
12 games may be conducted as long as a valid license certificate is properly displayed and  
13 only during those times when a commercial track is licensed to accept pari-mutuel  
14 wagers. Twenty-five percent of the gross profit from the sale of lucky seven tickets must  
15 be forwarded to the commission for deposit into the Animal Welfare Fund established by  
16 Title 7, section 3906-B, subsection 2. Money deposited in the Animal Welfare Fund  
17 pursuant to this subsection must be used by the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
18 Rural Resources for the welfare of equines notwithstanding Title 7, section 3906-B,  
19 subsection 2.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill allows a commercial track to sell pari-mutuel pools on live, simulcast or  
22 replayed horse races using technology that must allow telephone account wagering. This  
23 bill also allows lucky seven or similar sealed tickets to be sold at commercial tracks, with  
24 25% of the gross proceeds to go to the Animal Welfare Fund for the welfare of equines.