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Chapter 86.

Harness Racing Commission.

Sec. 1. State harness racing commission.—The state harness racing commission, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this chapter called the “commission,” shall consist of 3 members who shall be appointed and may be for cause removed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. No more than 2 members shall be of the same political party. One member shall, in some capacity, be connected with agricultural societies which operate pari mutuel racing. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, his successor shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. The members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. So far as practicable they shall be persons interested in the establishment and development of a Maine breed of standard bred horses and no member of the commission shall have any pecuniary interest in any racing or the sale of pari mutuel pools licensed under the provisions of this chapter. (R. S. c. 77, § 1. 1951, c. 266, § 95. 1953, c. 402. 1955, c. 114.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment inserted the second sentence.

Sec. 7. Report.—The commission shall make an annual report to the governor on or before the 1st day of January in each year, including therein an account of its actions, receipts derived under the provisions of this chapter, the practical effects of the application of the provisions of this chapter and any recommendation for legislation which the commission deems advisable. (R. S. c. 77, § 8. 1955, c. 44.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted “January” for “December” in line two.

Sec. 14. Pari mutuel pools.—Within the enclosure of any race track where is held a race or race meet licensed and conducted under the provisions of this chapter, but not elsewhere, the sale of pari mutuel pools by the licensee under such regulations as may be prescribed by said commission is permitted and authorized. Commissions on such pools shall in no event and at no track exceed 16% of each dollar wagered, plus the odd cents of all redistribution to be based on each dollar wagered exceeding a sum equal to the next lowest multiple of ten, known as “breakage,” $\frac{1}{2}$ of which breakage shall be retained by the licensee and the balance shall be paid to the treasurer of state. Said maximum shall include the $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ tax hereinafter prescribed. A sum equal to $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of such total contributions shall be paid to the treasurer of state to be credited to the “stipend” fund provided by section 17 of chapter 32. (R. S. c. 77, § 15. 1949, c. 388, § 6. 1953, c. 423, § 3. 1955, c. 353.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment, which became effective on its approval, May 16, 1955, deleted the words “and on the grounds” after the word “enclosure” in the first sentence and rewrote the second sentence.

Chapter 87.

Running Horse Racing Commission.

Sec. 3. Assistants.—The commission is authorized to employ such assistants and employees as it may deem necessary to provide adequate policing and to carry out the purposes of this chapter at such compensation on a per diem

basis as the commission may prescribe, subject to the provisions of the personnel law. (1949, c. 289. 1955, c. 82.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment deleted the former second sentence, which forbade the commission to employ any state or local official or employee whose annual compensation from the state or locality exceeded \$1,000.

Sec. 17. Records.—Every person, association or corporation conducting a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall so keep its books and records as to clearly show all financial transactions relating to racing, which books and records shall be subject to audit at any time by the state department of audit. (1949, c. 289. 1955, c. 457.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment, which became effective on its approval, May 21, 1955, rewrote this section.