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Rebate to Scarborough Downs

FACTS:

The legislature in 1963 passed an amendment to R.S. 1954, C. 87, § 14, now 8 M.R.S.A. 334, as follows:

"A sum equal to 1/5 of the tax on all pari mutual pools conducted or made at any race or race meet licensed under this chapter shall be paid and returned to the licensees for costs of operation, maintenance and repairs."

This year Scarborough Downs is having two meets.

QUESTION:

Can payment be made to Scarborough Downs at the conclusion of the first meet rather than after the conclusion of the season's racing?

ANSWER:

Yes.

REASON:

The statute recites, "the tax . . . at any race or race meet." A "race meet" is usually defined as a period of time during which several race programs are held. Hence, in 1965 Scarborough Downs is holding two race meets. Payments due the Downs can be made at the conclusion of each race meet.

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