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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1378

House of Representatives, January 6, 1970

Committee on Legal Affairs suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY

AN ACT to Clarify Inconsistent Laws Relating to Harness Racing.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 8, § 268, repealed and replaced. Section 268 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 268. Rules and regulations

The commission is authorized to adopt, after public hearing, such reasonable rules and regulations for holding, conducting and operating harness horse races or meets as are held for public exhibition in this State and for the operation of race tracks on which any such race or meet is held, as are necessary to carry out the provisions and intent of this chapter. No such race or meet shall be held on Sunday. No part of this chapter shall be construed to apply to any racing whatever except harness horse races.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 8, § 272, amended. Section 272 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 272. Bonds

Every person, association or corporation licensed under this chapter shall, before said license is issued, give bond to the State in such reasonable sum, not exceeding ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000, as may be fixed by the commission, with a surety or sureties to be approved by the commission, conditioned to faithfully make the payments prescribed by this chapter and to keep its books and records and make reports as provided, and to conduct its racing in conformity with this chapter and the rules and regulations prescribed by the commission.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 8, § 276-A, additional. Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 276-A, to read as follows:

§ 276-A. Unclaimed ticket money

Upon the expiration of 90 days after the close of any harness horse race or race meet which has sold pari-mutuel tickets, any unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets outstanding shall no longer be valid and no claim for redemption shall be entertained by the Harness Racing Commission or the racing association which conducted the race or race meet.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 8, § 279, amended. Section 279 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sentences at the end to read as follows:

Said commission shall have the power and authority to supervise and regulate all medication administered to horses entered to race. Such supervision is to include taking such specimens of body fluids as are deemed proper and necessary by an employee of the commission who shall be a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine within the State of Maine.