

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1187

H. P. 864

House of Representatives, February 25, 1971

Referred to Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gagnon of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Pari-mutuel Pools in Horse Racing.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, licensees of running horse racing meets have encountered additional costs in operation, maintenance and repairs, and increased expenses in purse money; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to alleviate such increased costs for the summer of 1971; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 8, § 334, amended. The last paragraph of section 334 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A sum equal to ~~4~~/₆ $\frac{1}{3}$ of the tax on all pari-mutuel 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that the loss of revenue will be approximately \$95,000 per year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.