

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 716

House of Representatives, February 15, 1973

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brown of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Consolidate the State Harness Racing Commission and the State Running Horse Racing Commission.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 8, § 261-A, additional.** Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 261-A to read as follows:

§ 261-A. —administer laws

The State Harness Racing Commission as heretofore established shall hereinafter administer all of the laws of chapters 11 and 13.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 8, § 321, repealed.** Section 321 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 3. Amendatory provision.** Wherever in the Revised Statutes the words "State Running Horse Racing Commission" or "Running Horse Racing Commission" appear, they shall mean the Harness Racing Commission.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is necessary to consolidate Harness Racing and Running Horse Racing under the Department of Agriculture in order that both commissions be operated in a more economical manner.

There being little or no running horse racing planned in the coming seasons, the Harness Racing Commission acting as a single body is better able to administer both laws in the best interest of the State, horsemen, public and the various racing associations.