

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 457

H. P. 363

House of Representatives, January 29, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Licenses Issued by the Harness Racing Commission and to the Rule-making Authority of that Commission.

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

8 MRSA, § 279-A, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 303, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 279-A. Licenses, rules and regulations

For the purpose of enabling the Harness Racing Commission to exercise and maintain a proper control over racing conducted under this chapter, the commission shall have the power to make and adopt rules and regulations for the licensing, with or without fee in the discretion of the commission, of owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials.

The fee for any such license or registration, if imposed, shall not in any case exceed \$10 per annual license to be credited to the General Fund.

The commission shall have the power to make and adopt rules and regulations for the conduct on the race track and grounds of owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing. The rules and regulations shall be reasonably necessary for any one or more of the following purposes: To protect the wagering public, to protect the state's share of pari-mutuel pools, to protect the health and welfare of spectators and participating owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials and to protect the health and welfare of standard-bred horses.

The Administrative Court Judge shall have the power to revoke or suspend any license for violations of the rules and regulations.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of the Harness Racing Commission in its power to adopt rules and regulations for the protection and well-being of harness racing participants and animals.