

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 761

H. P. 616 House of Representatives, February 25, 1975
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mahany of Easton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Employment of Veterinarians by the Commissioner of Agriculture to Ensure Compliance with the Harness Racing Statutes.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 1704 is amended to read:

§ 1704. Agents

The commissioner may employ skilled veterinarians and such other agents and employees as he may deem necessary to carry into effect chapters 201, 205, 207, 301, 303 ~~and~~, 305 and Title 8, chapter 11, subject to the Personnel Law.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture from the General Fund the sum of \$11,004 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(1) \$3,207	(1) \$2,897
All Other	2,450	2,450
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	\$5,657	\$5,347

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide extended veterinarian services necessary to assure compliance with the statutes inasmuch as harness racing meets

are now held simultaneously in different parts of the State. The number of race days has increased from 226 in 1970 to 313 in 1974.

This bill provides \$5,657 for the 1975-76 fiscal year and \$5,347 for the 1976-77 fiscal year to enable a veterinarian, now seasonally employed for 43 weeks a year, to be employed full time. Such employee will also become eligible for fringe benefits.