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House of Representatives, January 8, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and 1600 ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

Resolve, to Establish Harness Racing Dates for 1990.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



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

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6 Whereas, this resolve sets pari-mutuel dates that begin
before the expiration of the 90-day period; and

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

14 **Sec. 1. Racing dates. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, chapter 11, the following
16 harness racing dates for 1990 are established.

18 1. Lewiston Raceway having applied for racing dates in
1990, Lewiston Raceway is granted a license to conduct
20 pari-mutuel harness racing commencing February 3, 1990, and
ending April 28, 1990.

22 2. Scarborough Downs having applied for racing dates in
1990, Davric Maine Corporation, doing business as Scarborough
24 Downs, is granted a license to conduct pari-mutuel harness racing
commencing April 29, 1990, and ending September 22, 1990.

26 3. Bass Park Raceway having applied for racing dates in
1990, Bass Park Raceway, doing business as Bangor Raceway, is
28 granted a license to conduct pari-mutuel harness racing
30 commencing May 18, 1990, and terminating July 27, 1990.

32 4. Lewiston Raceway having applied for racing dates in
1990, Lewiston Raceway is granted a license to conduct
34 pari-mutuel harness racing commencing October 7, 1990, and ending
December 16, 1990; and be it further

36 **Sec. 2. Automatic revocation if dates deregulated. Resolved:** That
38 if legislation that deregulates racing dates is enacted by the
114th Legislature and becomes law, resulting in free and open
40 competitive racing between the extended pari-mutuel tracks in the
State, the racing dates established in this resolve are
42 automatically revoked and each extended pari-mutuel racetrack
must be allowed to conduct racing at its discretion.
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46 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This resolve establishes racing dates for the harness racing
industry for 1990 as they pertain to the extended pari-mutuel
tracks.

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10 Racing dates are imperative to the survival of the harness
industry, the 3rd largest industry governed by the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. Scarborough Downs is
12 granted 21 weeks of racing, Lewiston Raceway is granted 22 weeks
of racing and Bass Park is granted 11 weeks of racing.

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16 These dates remain in effect for 1990, or until automatic
revocation of this resolve by a new law enacted by the 114th
Legislature to deregulate race dates so that extended pari-mutuel
18 tracks can operate freely and competitively in an open market.