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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 547, L.D. 784, Bill, "An Act to Allow the State Harness Racing Commission to Allocate Dates for a Period of 3 Years"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Allow the State Harness Racing Commission to Assign a Minimum Number of Race Days for a Period of Up to 3 Years'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'8 MRSA §271, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Minimum number of race days. The commission may assign a commercial licensee a minimum number of racing days, not to exceed 125 racing days each year, for a period of up to 3 years. The specific dates for these racing days and additional race dates are determined each year in accordance with subsection 1. For the purposes of this subsection, "commercial licensee" means a licensee with an annual total of more than 25 racing days with pari-mutuel wagering in the previous calendar year.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill. It gives the State Harness Racing Commission the authority to assign a minimum number of race days for a period of up to 3 years. The number of days assigned in advance may not exceed 125 per year. The specific dates for the races are allocated each year as provided under current law. Any licensee that meets the definition of "commercial licensee" may be assigned days in advance under this subsection.