

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 23, 1992

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

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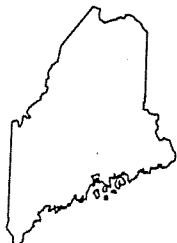
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARENT of Benton.
Cosponsored by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

**An Act to Establish a Controlled Medication Program in the Harness
Racing Industry.**



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

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8 MRSA §280-A is enacted to read:

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§280-A. Exception for therapeutic medicines

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The commission shall establish, by rule, a list of substances, drugs and medicines that, if administered to or discovered in a horse entered in a treatment program under this section, do not constitute a violation of section 280. Eligibility for this list requires that a substance, drug or medicine be found by the commission to possess therapeutic properties and otherwise serve legitimate medical purposes in the treatment of horses. The commission shall establish, by rule, a treatment program for each substance, drug and medicine included on the list and shall prescribe:

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1. Conditions and limitations. Appropriate dosages and other conditions and limitations for administration of the substance, drug or medicine; and

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2. Prohibition from racing. A period of time after completion of the treatment program during which the horse may not be permitted to compete. The period of time must be calculated to be sufficient to prevent the substance, drug or medicine from affecting the performance of the horse during competition.

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Any owner or trainer wishing to enter a horse in a treatment program shall register the horse with the commission and pay to the commission the sum of \$10 for each treatment program. The commission has the authority to adopt rules necessary to implement this section in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill authorizes the State Harness Racing Commission to establish a medication program permitting the use of specified drugs and medicines for the therapeutic treatment of race horses.