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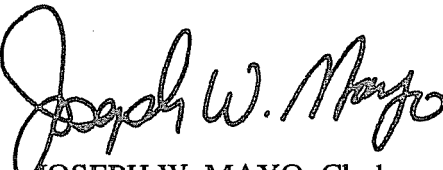
H.P. 156

House of Representatives, January 28, 1993

**An Act Concerning Harness Racing.**

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Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.

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

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3           Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §268, as amended by PL 1991, c. 579, §9, is  
4 further amended to read:

6           **§268. Rules**

7           The commission shall adopt rules for the holding, conducting  
8 and operating of all harness horse races or meets for public  
9 exhibition held in this State and for the operation of racetracks  
10 on which any such race or meet is held; notwithstanding any other  
11 provision of law, harness horse races or meets held on Sunday may  
12 not commence until the hour of 1 p.m.

13           The commission may adopt rules for the licensing and  
14 operation ~~of~~ operating off-track betting facilities. The  
15 commission shall mail notice of proposed rules or proposed  
16 amendments to rules related to off-track betting to each member  
17 of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
18 jurisdiction over legal affairs matters and to each member of the  
19 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
20 over agricultural matters not less than 20 days before a public  
21 hearing on the proposed rule or amendment and not less than 20  
22 days before adoption of such a rule or amendment without a public  
23 hearing. The notice must include a copy of the proposed rule or  
24 amendment. This paragraph is repealed 91 days after adjournment  
25 of the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

26           The commission may authorize licensees of extended meets to  
27 provide for the simulcasting of entire racing cards during the  
28 first 8 weeks of each year.

29           ~~During 1991, the commission may proceed under the emergency  
30 rule-making provisions of Title 5, section 8054, without making  
31 findings of emergency when the only changes to be made are  
32 regarding the number of simulcast horse races on the same day as  
33 any regular track meeting.~~

34           The commission may adopt rules allowing interstate  
35 simulcasting of dog racing and horse racing at a licensee's race  
36 track during any regular meeting.  
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39           **STATEMENT OF FACT**

40           This bill repeals obsolete wording regarding harness racing  
41 and also authorizes the simulcasting of dog racing at pari-mutuel  
42 racetracks.  
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