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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1202, L.D. 1611, Bill, "An Act to Adjust the Dates for Distributions from the State Harness Racing Commission"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, this legislation provides for the distribution of commissions on wagers and requires certain distributions by May 15; and

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

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSa §275-I, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 388, §8, is amended to read:

3. Distribution based on race dates. Payments made under subsections 1 and 2 for distribution in accordance with this subsection must be ~~divided~~ equally distributed among licensees

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2 conducting live racing in the State in proportion to the number  
of ~~racing days granted by the commission and actually raced by~~  
4 ~~that licensee and the total number of racing days granted in any~~  
~~one year by the commission and actually raced by all licensees~~  
6 days each licensee is both licensed to be and is open for  
wagering during the year in which the payments are made. Payment  
8 must be made by the end of the calendar year. Payments made for  
wagers accepted before May 1st must be distributed not later than  
10 May 15th among all licensees in proportion to the number of days  
they are licensed to accept wagers for the entire year. Payments  
12 made for wagers accepted after April 30th and before September  
1st must be distributed not later than September 15th. Payments  
14 made for wagers accepted after August 31st and on or before  
December 31st must be distributed among licensees so that the  
16 total distribution under this subsection to each licensee for the  
entire year is in proportion to the number of days each licensee  
18 was licensed to and did in fact accept wagers.

20 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §275-J, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 388,**  
**§8, is amended to read:**

22 **3. Distribution based on wagered amounts.** Amounts On May  
24 15th, September 15th and within 15 days after the close of all  
off-track betting facilities for the year, amounts payable under  
26 subsections 1 and 2 for distribution in accordance with this  
subsection must be divided--equally--among distributed to  
28 commercial race tracks in the State that provide simulcast  
transmission of live racing in the State in proportion to the  
30 amount of wagers placed at off-track betting facilities on  
simulcast races from that licensee in the previous calendar year  
32 up to the last day of the preceding month and the total amount  
wagered at off-track betting facilities on races simulcast from  
34 all commercial racetracks in that year up to that date. In the  
first year of distribution, the amounts must be distributed based  
36 on the proportion of wagers made in that first year. The last  
payment of the calendar year must be adjusted to reflect each  
38 licensee's wagers in proportion to the total wagered at off-track  
betting facilities in that calendar year.

40 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
42 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

44 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

46 **FISCAL NOTE**

48 The State Harness Racing Commission will incur some minor  
additional costs to administer the redistribution of certain

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2 supplement purses. These costs can be absorbed within the  
commission's existing budgeted resources.'

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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8 This amendment alters the method of distributing purse  
supplement money to provide that wagers are distributed based on  
the number of days a licensee is open for wagering, not on the  
10 number of days the licensee conducts live racing, and provides  
for 3 payments during the calendar year instead of one payment at  
12 the end of the year. The amendment also changes the method of  
paying purse supplements for tracks that originate simulcast  
14 races by basing the distribution on wagers placed on those  
simulcasts in the year of payment rather than the previous year,  
16 and providing for 3 payments during the year.

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