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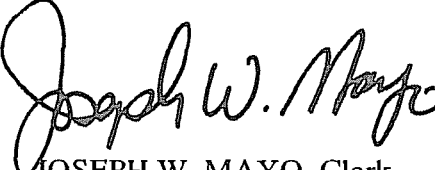
H.P. 1202

House of Representatives, January 3, 1994

**An Act to Adjust the Dates for Distributions from the State Harness  
Racing Commission.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Received by the Clerk of the House on December 29, 1993. Referred to the Committee on  
Agriculture and 1200 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.  
Cosponsored by Representative: HUSSEY of Milo, Senator: TITCOMB of Cumberland.

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

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

6       **3. Distribution based on race dates.** Payments made under  
8 subsections 1 and 2 for distribution in accordance with this  
10 subsection must be divided equally among licensees conducting  
12 live racing in the State in proportion to the number of racing  
14 days granted by the commission and--actually--raced--by--that  
licensee and the total number of racing days granted in any one  
year by the commission and--actually--raced--by--all--licensees.  
16 Payment One third of the payment due for the total year must be  
18 made by--the--end on May 1st, September 1st and December 31st of  
the each calendar year. In addition, the December payment must  
be adjusted to reflect days actually raced during that year, as  
opposed to days granted.

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 1st, September 1st and December 31st of each calendar year,  
26 amounts payable under subsections 1 and 2 for distribution in  
28 accordance with this subsection must be divided equally among  
commercial race tracks in the State that provide simulcast  
transmission of live racing in the State in proportion to the  
amount of wagers placed at off-track betting facilities on  
simulcast races from that licensee in--the--previous--calendar--year  
30 up to the payment date and the total amount wagered at off-track  
betting facilities on races simulcast from all commercial  
racetracks in up to that year date. In--the--first--year--of  
32 distribution,--the--amounts--must--be--distributed--based--on--the  
34 proportion-of-wagers-made-in-that-first-year.

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38                                       **STATEMENT OF FACT**

40       Under current law, distributions from the State Harness  
42 Racing Commission to racetracks to supplement purses are based on  
44 days actually raced and must be made at the end of the year in  
46 which the racing that was used to compute the distributions took  
place. This bill provides for these payments to be made in 3  
equal installments based on assigned racing dates. The final  
installment is to be adjusted to reflect days actually raced.

48       Under current law, distributions from the State Harness  
Racing Commission due to commercial racetracks that provide  
simulcast transmission of live racing within the State reflect

2 the wagering of the previous year. With the exception of the  
4 first year, no distribution date is specified in the law. This  
6 bill requires that distributions be made 3 times a year to  
8 reflect the amounts wagered that year up to the date of each  
10 payment.

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12 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the  
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical  
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.