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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 240, L.D. 637, Bill, "An Act to Change the Commissions Payable to the State from Off-track Betting"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-O is enacted to read:

§275-O. Reduced payments

1. Eligible licensees. This section grants reduced payments to off-track betting licensees that were licensed and open for business before January 1, 1995 and that have a market area, as described in section 275-D, subsection 4, with a population of less than 50,000.

2. Reduced payments formula. For an off-track betting licensee that meets the conditions described in subsection 1, the reduction in payments due are calculated as follows.

A. For the first \$40,000 of all wagers into commingled pools on interstate simulcast races in any calendar week, the amounts payable by the licensee are 20% of the amounts prescribed by the sections listed in subsection 3.

B. For all wagers totaling over \$40,000 and \$80,000 or under into commingled pools on interstate simulcast races in

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2 any calendar week, the amounts payable by the licensee are
3 60% of the amounts prescribed by the sections listed in
4 subsection 3.

5 C. For all wagers totaling over \$80,000 into commingled
6 pools on interstate simulcast races in any calendar week,
7 the amounts payable by the licensee are 100% of the amounts
8 prescribed by the sections listed in subsection 3.

9 3. Reduced payments. Notwithstanding any other provisions
10 of law, the amounts payable to the Treasurer of State or to the
11 State Harness Racing Commission are reduced, as prescribed in
12 subsection 2, for the following:

13 A. Section 275-F, subsection 1;

14 B. Section 275-G, subsection 1;

15 C. Section 275-H, subsection 2, paragraph A;

16 D. Section 275-I, subsection 1, paragraph A; and

17 E. Section 275-L, subsection 1.

18 4. Retention of commissions. Any amount not required to be
19 paid to the Treasurer of State or the State Harness Racing
20 Commission as a result of this section is added to the amount
21 retained by the off-track betting parlor under section 275-K.

22 5. Repeal. This section is repealed on July 2, 1997.'

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

25 **FISCAL NOTE**

	1995-96	1996-97
REVENUES		
General Fund	(\$21,500)	(\$21,500)
Other Funds	(\$113,300)	(\$113,300)

26 Changes in the commissions paid to the State from off-track
27 betting proceeds will reduce General Fund revenue by \$21,500
28 annually in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97. These changes will
29 also reduce certain dedicated revenues collections to the State
30 Harness Racing Commission. The estimated reductions of dedicated
31 revenue are \$113,300 annually in fiscal years 1995-96 and
32 1996-97.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This amendment removes the bill's proposed increase in the
8 required distance between off-track betting parlors and
10 eliminates the credit toward required payments to parlors that
lost money in 1994, and makes the commission reductions available
only to off-track betting parlors licensed and open before
January 1, 1995, located in areas of 50,000 or fewer people.

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14 The commissions are reduced to 20% of the original
commission for the first \$40,000 of wagers per calendar week, 60%
of the original commission for the second \$40,000 of wagers per
calendar week, and 100% of the original commission for any wagers
16 in excess of \$80,000 per calendar week. A repeal provision and
fiscal note are also added to the bill.