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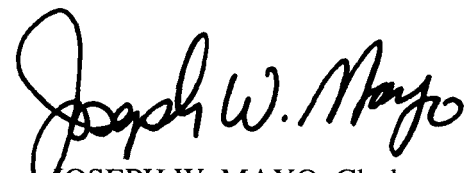
House of Representatives, November 29, 1995

**An Act to Implement the Productivity Plan of the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources Relating to Harness Racing.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative KERR for the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations
and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1154.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

4 **Whereas,** certain obligations and expenses will become due
6 and payable prior to July 1, 1996; and

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

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

16 **Sec. 1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1995-96	1996-97
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
Harness Racing Commission		
26 All Other	(\$50,550)	(\$202,200)
28 Provides for the deallocation		
30 of funds from a transfer of		
32 All Other funds to the		
Division of Production and		
Marketing Development.		
Division of Production and		
Marketing Development		
36 All Other	50,550	202,200
38 Provides for the allocation		
40 of funds from a transfer of		
42 All Other funds from the		
Harness Racing Commission.		
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND		
RURAL RESOURCES		
46 TOTAL	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$-0-	\$-0-

48 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §284, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 388,
50 §10, is amended to read:

2. **Membership.** The board consists of 9 members, to be appointed by the ~~commission~~ Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources as follows:

A. One person recommended by a statewide association of harness horse trainers, drivers and other persons active in the conduct of harness racing in the State;

B. One person representing agricultural fairs;

C. Two persons representing commercial tracks in this State, provided that not more than one person per track is appointed;

D. Two members of the public who demonstrate knowledge and support of the harness racing industry;

E. One member of the commission; and

F. Two persons recommended by the statewide association of standard horse breeders and owners.

One-third of the initial appointments must be for a one-year term; 1/3 for a 2-year term and the final 3rd for a 3-year term. Subsequent appointments must be made for 3-year terms. Board members shall annually elect a chair from among the membership by majority vote.

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

FISCAL NOTE

	1995-96	1996-97
ALLOCATIONS		
Other Special Revenue	\$-0-	\$-0-

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill makes adjustments to Other Special Revenue allocations for the Maine Harness Racing Commission and provides for the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to appoint the members of the Harness Racing Promotional Board.

2 These changes are part of the Department of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Resources "productivity plan," as presented to the
Productivity Realization Task Force.