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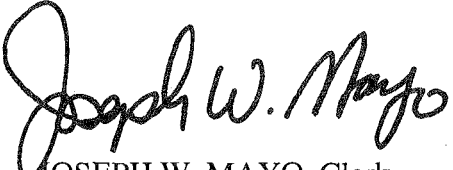
No. 1864

H.P. 1313

House of Representatives, May 5, 1997

**An Act to Implement the Majority Recommendation of the Harness
Racing Task Force.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon.

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 388, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§275-C. Common pari-mutuel pools

1. Authority. A person authorized to sell pari-mutuel pools on horse racing may sell common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races. The sale must be conducted within the enclosure of the licensee's racetrack or at the licensee's off-track betting facility.

2. Payments to agricultural fairs conducting live racing. A commercial track located within a 35-mile radius of an agricultural fair track may not present a simulcast on a day when the commercial track is not conducting live racing and the agricultural fair track is conducting live racing unless the commercial track pays the agricultural fair track 2% of the wagers made at the commercial track at the time live racing is being conducted at the agricultural fair track and 1% of the wagers on the other races conducted on a day when live racing is being conducted at the agricultural fair track.

3. Required to carry races originating in the State. If live racing being conducted in this State is available for simulcast, a licensee conducting simulcasting under this section shall provide broadcasts originating in the State on monitors in the facility, as required by rule of the commission. The rules adopted by the commission that are required pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a commercial track within a 35-mile radius of an agricultural fair to pay a certain percentage to the agricultural fair when simulcasting races during or on days when that commercial licensee is not conducting live racing. Further, this bill requires a licensee conducting simulcasting to offer broadcasts originating in the State on monitors in the facility.