

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1538

House of Representatives, January 26, 1998

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**An Act to Promote the Expansion of Pari-mutuel Simulcast Wagering.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and  
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, POULIN of Oakland, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUTTLE  
of Sanford.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-D, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 528, §17, is further amended to read:

6           **1. Off-track betting on simulcast racing.** A person may  
8       conduct pari-mutuel wagering, including wagering on dog races, at  
10       a hotel, as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15,  
12       paragraph H, with public dining facilities, a Class A restaurant,  
14       as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, paragraph R,  
      or a Class A restaurant/lounge, as defined in Title 28-A, section  
      2, subsection 15, paragraph R-1 if the hotel, restaurant or  
      restaurant/lounge is licensed as an off-track betting facility  
      under this section.

16       **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §301**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 44, §1, is  
      amended to read:

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**§301. Prohibition**

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22       A person may not hold, conduct or operate greyhound racing  
      for public exhibition. ~~A person may not transmit or receive  
24       interstate simulcasting of greyhound racing for commercial  
      purposes.~~

26       **Sec. 3. Rules and statutory changes.** The State Harness Racing  
28       Commission may adopt rules to implement this Act. These rules  
      are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,  
30       subchapter II-A. The commission may submit any recommended  
      statutory changes to implement this Act to the joint standing  
32       committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over dog racing  
      matters no later than November 15, 1998. This committee may  
34       report out legislation regarding dog racing to the First Regular  
      Session of the 119th Legislature.

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**SUMMARY**

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40       This bill permits interstate simulcasting of dog races and  
      pari-mutuel wagering on these races.