

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1035

H.P. 745

House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

**An Act to Require Maine's Off-track Betting Facilities to Promote
Maine Racing.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-D, sub-§8, ¶B, as amended by PL 1997, c. 528, §22, is further amended to read:

B. If live racing being conducted at any one racetrack in this State is available for simulcast, all off-track betting facilities shall provide broadcasts originated in the State on at least 1/3 of the monitors in the each facility,~~as required by rule of the commission, and shall accept wagers on these races on all of its pari-mutuel selling terminals.~~ If live racing being conducted at more than one racetrack in this State is available for simulcast, all off-track betting facilities shall provide broadcasts of all races from such tracks on at least 1/2 of the monitors in each facility. The races must be broadcast as announced on the track. At any time harness racing originated in the State is available for simulcast, the facility may not broadcast harness racing from outside the State without approval of:

- (1) Each racetrack in the State conducting harness racing at that time; and
- (2) Either the association representing the horsemen at those tracks at that time or the commission.

SUMMARY

This bill requires off-track betting facilities to display any Maine race on 1/3 of their monitors, unless more than one Maine track is broadcasting its races, in which case 1/2 of each off-track betting facility's monitors would have to be dedicated to the in-state races.