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No. 1657

S.P. 577

In Senate, March 4, 1999

An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Off-track Betting Facilities.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and
Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook,
Representatives: SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TRUE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

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

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

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Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §275-O, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 542,
18 §1, is further amended to read:

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1. Eligible licensees. This section grants reduced
20 payments to licensees of off-track betting facilities that were
licensed and open for business before April 1, 1997 ~~1999~~ and that
22 have a market area, as described in section 275-D, subsection 4,
with a population of less than 50,000.

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SUMMARY

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The bill amends the statute for licensing off-track betting
facilities to clarify that a person other than the owner of the
30 restaurant, lounge or hotel at which the facility is to be
located may be the licensed operator of the facility. This bill
32 also expands the eligibility for reduced payments to licensees of
off-track betting facilities.