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	the House.
12	STATE OF MAINE
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16	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 1214, L.D. 1743, Bill, "An
20	Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State"
22	Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 10 and inserting in its place the following:
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26	'10. Telephone account wagering allowed. A commercial track, licensed off-track betting facility and any facility
	licensed to conduct simulcast racing may engage in telephone
28	account wagering on races conducted at that track or licensed facility, if all money used to place telephone account wagers is
30	on deposit with the commercial track or the licensed facility in
32	an amount sufficient to cover the wagers. Accounts may only be established by persons who are residents of this State. Money is
2.4	deemed to be on deposit at a commercial track or licensed
34	facility only if that deposit has been effected by cash, check or a confirmed credit card transaction. The minimum deposit is
36	\$100. All money wagered by telephone account wagering is subject to the same commissions and distributions as wagers placed
38	directly at the track or the licensed facility. For the purposes
40	of this subsection, "licensed facility" means any facility licensed by the commission to accept wagers on harness racing.'
12	Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the
14	following: "wagers" and inserting in its place the following: 'wager'
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48	Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

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2	'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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8	AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF
10	State Harness Racing Commission
12	Positions - Legislative Count (1.000) Personal Services \$27,023
14	All Other 4,000
16	Appropriates funds for one additional Accounting Technician position and operating
18	costs necessary to review telephone logs to verify telephone wagering accounts.
20	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES
22 24	TOTAL \$31,023'
26	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:
28	·FISCAL NOTE
30	2000-01
32	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
34	General Fund \$31,023
36	REVENUES
38	General Fund \$46,552 Other Funds \$96,232
40	This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$31,023
42	in fiscal year 2000-01 for the State Harness Racing Commission within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
44	for one additional Accounting Technician position and operating costs necessary to review telephone logs to verify telephone
46	wagering accounts. The estimated future costs are \$35,500 annually beginning in fiscal year 2001-02.
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Allowing certain types of telephone wagering will increase General Fund revenue collected by the State Harness Racing Commission by \$46,552 in fiscal year 2000-01. The estimated future revenue increases are \$57,400 and \$64,826 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

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Allowing certain types of telephone wagering will also increase Other Special Revenue funds collected by the State Harness Racing Commission by \$96,232 in fiscal year 2000-01. The estimated future revenue increases are \$118,600 and \$134,018 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

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This bill may both increase and decrease prosecutions for Class E crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The net effect on the number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs or savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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The net effect on the Judicial Department's workload and administrative costs will be minimal. The net effect on the collection of fines will also be insignificant.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment allows licensed off-track betting facilities and any facilities licensed to conduct simulcast racing to conduct telephone wagering on races. The amendment also adds a minimum deposit requirement and states that accounts may be

32 established only by residents of this State.

This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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