

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1743

H.P. 1214

House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

An Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State.

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 TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, CLOUGH of Scarborough, GAGNON of Waterville,
PERRY of Bangor, USHER of Westbrook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §271, sub-§§10 and 11 are enacted to read:**

6 10. On-track telephone account wagering allowed. A
8 commercial track may engage in telephone account wagering on
10 aces conducted at that track, if all money used to place
12 telephone account wagers is on deposit with the commercial track
14 in an amount sufficient to cover the wagers. Money is deemed to
16 be on deposit at a commercial track only if that deposit has been
18 effected by cash, check or a confirmed credit card transaction.
20 All money wagered by telephone account wagering is subject to the
22 same commissions and distributions as wagers placed directly at
24 the track.

16 11. Improper telephone account wagering prohibited. A
18 commercial track shall accept a telephone account wagers only
20 from the holder of the telephone wagering account. A person may
22 not directly or indirectly act as an intermediary, transmitter or
24 agent in the placing of wagers for a holder of a telephone
26 wagering account. Only the holder of a telephone wagering
28 account may place a telephone wager. A person violating this
30 subsection is guilty of a Class E crime.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill allows commercial tracks to accept
30 over-the-telephone wagers on races conducted at that track, but
only from individuals with prefunded accounts established at the
track.