

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 194

H.P. 183

House of Representatives, January 18, 2001

**An Act to Ensure Stability in Maine's Harness Racing and Off-track Betting Business.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and  
Representative MARRACHE of Waterville, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-C, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 390,  
§1, is amended to read:

6 **1. Authority.** A person authorized to sell pari-mutuel  
7 pools on horse racing may sell common pari-mutuel pools for  
8 simulcast races. The sale must be conducted within the enclosure  
9 of the licensee's racetrack or at the licensee's off-track  
10 betting facility. Notwithstanding this subsection, a racetrack  
11 located within the market area of an off-track betting facility,  
12 as defined in section 275-D, subsection 4, may accept wagers on  
13 simulcast races only if the racetrack was authorized to and in  
14 fact did accept such wagers prior to January 1, 2000 and only  
15 during its regular meeting.

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18 **SUMMARY**

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20 This bill provides that a racetrack may accept wagers on  
21 simulcast races only if it has been authorized to and has  
22 accepted such wagers in the past or if it is located outside the  
23 market areas of existing businesses established to accept such  
24 wagers.