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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 928, L.D. 1242, Bill, "An Act to Allow Telephone Wagering for Horse Racing"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §271, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

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 account wagering on races conducted at that track or licensed facility, if all money used to place telephone account wagers is on deposit with the commercial track or the licensed facility in an amount sufficient to cover the wagers. Accounts may be established only by persons who are residents of this State. Money is deemed to be on deposit at a commercial track or licensed facility only if that deposit has been effected by cash, check or a confirmed credit card transaction. The minimum deposit is \$100. Telephone account wagers may not be placed using a credit card. All money wagered by telephone account wagering is subject to the same commissions and distributions as wagers placed directly at the track or the licensed facility. For the purposes of this subsection, "licensed facility" means any facility licensed by the commission to accept wagers on harness racing.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

		2001-02	2002-03
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4	AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL		
6	RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
8	State Harness Racing Commission		
10	All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000

12 Appropriates funds to cover
 13 the additional costs that
 14 will be incurred by
 15 departmental personnel in
 16 traveling to certain
 17 facilities to conduct
 18 required audits.

20 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
 Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

		2001-02	2002-03
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24	AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL		
26	RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
28	State Harness Racing Commission		
30	All Other	\$104,600	\$118,600

32 Allocates additional funds
 for the State Harness Racing
 Commission.'

34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
 36 summary the following:

38 **FISCAL NOTE**

		2001-02	2002-03
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42	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
44	General Fund	\$4,000	\$4,000
46	Other Funds	104,600	118,600

48 **REVENUES**

		2001-02	2002-03
50	General Fund	\$50,600	\$57,400
	Other Funds	104,600	118,600

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2 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$4,000 in
3 fiscal year 2001-02 for the State Harness Racing Commission
4 within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to
5 cover the additional operating expenses that will be incurred by
6 department personnel in traveling to certain facilities to
7 conduct required audits.

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9 Allowing certain types of telephone wagering will increase
10 General Fund revenue collected by the State Harness Racing
11 Commission by \$50,600 and \$57,400 in fiscal years 2001-02 and
12 2002-03, respectively.

13 Allowing certain types of telephone wagering will also
14 increase dedicated revenue collections. The estimated increases
15 of dedicated revenue to the State Harness Racing Commission are
16 \$104,600 and \$118,600 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03,
17 respectively. The bill includes additional Other Special Revenue
18 allocations of the same amounts for the commission.

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20 This bill may both increase and decrease prosecutions for
21 Class E crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional
22 costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per
23 prisoner. The net effect on the number of prosecutions that may
24 result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs or savings to
25 the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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

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SUMMARY

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34 This amendment allows licensed off-track betting facilities
35 and any facilities licensed to conduct simulcast racing to
36 conduct telephone wagering on races. The amendment also adds a
37 minimum deposit requirement and states that accounts may be
38 established only by residents of this State. The amendment also
39 clarifies that telephone account wagers may not be placed using a
40 credit card. It also adds an appropriation section, an
41 allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.
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