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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1078, L.D. 1447, Bill, "An Act to Protect Off-track Betting Facilities"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §275-N, as amended by PL 1999, c. 568, §1, is further amended to read:

§275-N. Limitations on off-track betting facilities

The commission may not allow interstate simulcasting or license any off-track betting facility for any calendar year unless during the preceding 2 calendar year years there were at least 150 race dates on which live racing actually was conducted at the commercial tracks. Interstate simulcasting always must be allowed at any commercial track that conducted at least 136 race dates during the immediately preceding 2 calendar year years or at an existing commercial track as defined in section 275-A, subsection 1, paragraph B at which at least 35 race dates were conducted during the immediately preceding year 2 years if the interstate simulcasting at the commercial track is conducted during the regular meeting. For the purposes of this section, any race date that the commission determines was canceled due to a natural or other disaster must be counted as a race date.'

SUMMARY

This amendment amends current law by permitting an off-track

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2 betting facility to simulcast interstate races if there were 150
live races conducted at the State's commercial tracks during the
2 preceding calendar years. Current law states that they can
4 simulcast races only if the commercial tracks had 150 live races
during the last calendar year.