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House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

An Act to Protect Off-track Betting Facilities.

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

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Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MICHAEL of Auburn, SHIELDS of Auburn, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §271, sub-§8, as reallocated by RR 1997, c. 1, §6, is amended to read:

8. Term license and date assignment. 6 of race Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, each license to conduct live racing or to engage in simulcast 8 wagering, including by operating an off-track betting facility as defined in section 275-A and all awards of race dates issued or 10 made by the commission, beginning with licenses issued and race dates awarded for 1998, may be for a 2-year period+-except-that 12 if-a-commercial-track-dees-net-use-during-the-first-year-of-any such-2-year-license -a-race-date-that-it-was-entitled-to-receive 14 for-both-years-pursuant-to-section -275-N/-then-the-commission-may hold-a-hearing-prior-to-the-2nd-vear-or-the-term-of-that-racing 16 license-to-determine-whether-the-award-of-that-race-date-for-the 18 second-year-of-the-term-should-be-revoked.

- 20 Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §275-N, as amended by PL 1999, c. 568, §1, is repealed.
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- SUMMARY
- 26 This bill repeals the limitation on off-track betting facilities that requires at least 150 race dates conducted at 28 commercial tracks during the preceding year in order to license the facility.