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L.D. 1073
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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 791, L.D. 1073, "Resolve, To Study the Promotion, Expansion and Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Whereas, the Commission To Study the Promotion, Expansion and Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry is established to review the racing industry in Maine; and'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission To Study the Promotion, Expansion and Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, one member of the party holding the highest number of seats and one member of the party holding the 2nd highest number of seats, appointed by the President of the Senate. At least one Senate member must be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;

2. Four members of the House of Representatives, at least one member of the party holding the highest number of seats and at least one member of the party holding the 2nd highest number of seats, all appointed by the Speaker of the House. At least one House member must be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;

3. The chair of the Maine harness racing promotion board;

4. Two members recommended by an association of horsemen appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;

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1 5. One member who is a racing director for an agricultural fair recommended by a
2 statewide fair association and appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and
3 Rural Resources; and

4 6. One member representing commercial harness racing tracks appointed by the
5 Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; and be it further
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7 Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 8, 9 and 10 and inserting the
8 following:

9 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 5, 2007, the
10 commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations,
11 including any suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on
12 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
13 Conservation and Forestry is authorized to introduce legislation related to the harness
14 racing industry to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature; and be it further

15 **Sec. 9. Commission budget. Resolved:** That the commission shall seek outside
16 funds to fully fund all costs of the commission. If sufficient outside funding has not been
17 received by the commission by September 15, 2007 to fully fund all costs of the
18 commission, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or
19 reimbursed. Contributions to support the work of the commission may not be accepted
20 from any party having a pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the matters
21 being studied. Any person, other than a state agency, desiring to make a financial or in-
22 kind contribution must certify to the Legislative Council that it has no pecuniary or other
23 vested interest in the outcome of the study. The certification must be made in the manner
24 prescribed by the Legislative Council. All contributions are subject to approval by the
25 Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the Executive Director of
26 the Legislative Council along with an accounting record that includes the amount of the
27 funds, the date the funds were received, from whom the funds were received and the
28 purpose of and any limitation on the use of the funds. The Executive Director of the
29 Legislative Council shall administer any funds received by the commission. The
30 executive director shall notify the chairs of the commission when sufficient funding has
31 been received. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the commission shall present a
32 work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The
33 commission may not incur expenses that would result in the commission's exceeding its
34 approved budget; and be it further

35 **Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
36 appropriations and allocations are made.

37 **LEGISLATURE**

38 **Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

39 Initiative: Provides an allocation of Other Special Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2007-08
40 in the event outside funds are received to fully fund the cost of the Commission To Study
41 the Promotion, Expansion and Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry.

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1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
2	Personal Services	\$1,760	\$0
3	All Other	\$3,000	\$0
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5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,760</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment corrects the name of the commission and adds 2 additional members
9 of the House of Representatives to the Commission To Study the Promotion, Expansion
10 and Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry. It removes the chair of the State Harness
11 Racing Commission as a member and adds a member representing commercial tracks. It
12 makes other changes to conform to Joint Rule 353 regarding legislative study
13 commissions.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

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LD 1073

LR 1489(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$4,760	\$0	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this commission are projected to be \$4,540 in fiscal year 2007-08. An allocation of Other Special Revenue funds is included in fiscal year 2007-08 in the event outside funds are received to fully fund the costs of the commission. If sufficient outside funding is not received by September 15, 2007, no meetings are authorized and no expenses may be incurred or reimbursed.