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L.D. 1296  
(Filing No. H-287)

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 914, L.D. 1296, Bill, "An Act To Amend Certain Harness Racing Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** appropriate penalties for violations of the harness racing statutes are essential to maintaining the integrity of the industry; and

**Whereas,** most racing occurs in the summer months; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §280 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "§280. Use of drugs or appliance; veterinarian" and inserting the following: '§280. Use of drugs or appliances; prearrangement of results; veterinarian'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes the bill an emergency and expands a headnote.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 05/18/07 *MAC*

# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1296

LR 694(02)

**An Act To Amend Certain Harness Racing Laws**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs. Sentences of more than nine months imposed for a Class C crime must be served in a state correctional facility. The average cost to the state for each sentence is \$70,308 based on an average length of stay of 1 year and 10 months. Sentences of nine months or less must be served in a county jail. The average cost to a county for each sentence is \$19,947 based on an average length of stay of 6 months and 2 days. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.