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

HOUSE 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 in section 1 in §280 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~connivance~~" and inserting the following: '~~collusion~~'

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, like Committee Amendment "A", makes the bill an emergency and expands a headnote but also clarifies a term.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 914, L.D. 1296

1 This amendment also allows attachment of a revised fiscal note.

2 SPONSORED BY: LEP

3 (Representative PIEH)

4 TOWN: Bremen



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LD 1296

LR 694(04)

An Act To Amend Certain Harness Racing Laws

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A "

Sponsor: Rep. Pieh of Bremen

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Removes previously indicated correctional and judicial impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill had indicated it was establishing a Class C crime and the fiscal note indicated that but did not account for the fact that the affected violations were already in statute with penalties similar to those of Class C but had not been labeled as Class C. Therefore, the fiscal impact of labeling is negligible and this corrects the fiscal note to indicate the only impact left is a minor cost increase to the Department of the Attorney General which can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.