

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Ensure the Integrity of Harness Horse Racing Track Conditions**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives:  
CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §279-B, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

3 **3. Failure to maintain appropriate racetrack conditions.** The commission  
4 may allow a fine against a commercial track for each race date that is cancelled at that  
5 licensee's racetrack because of a failure to maintain appropriate racetrack conditions.  
6 The fine under this subsection is up to \$10,000 per race date per horse, payable to the  
7 owner or owners, to cover losses sustained by the owner or owners caused by the  
8 inability to race.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill authorizes the State Harness Racing Commission to allow a fine against  
11 a commercial racetrack licensee of up to \$10,000 per horse for any race that is  
12 cancelled because the racetrack conditions are not properly maintained.

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