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S.P. 153

In Senate, February 15, 2011

An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions in the Harness Racing Laws

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

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton and
Senators: COURTNEY of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 401, §11, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Racetracks.** A person licensed pursuant to section 271 to conduct harness horse
5 racing with pari-mutuel betting may sell pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel
6 pools for simulcast races. The seller must be within the enclosure of the racetrack where
7 the licensed race or race meet is conducted or within the licensee's slot machine facilities
8 licensed pursuant to section 1011.

9 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §275-C, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 390, §1, is amended
10 to read:

11 **1. Authority.** A person authorized to sell pari-mutuel pools on horse racing may sell
12 common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races. The sale must be conducted within the
13 enclosure of the licensee's racetrack, at the licensee's slot machine facilities licensed
14 pursuant to section 1011 or at the licensee's off-track betting facility.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the harness racing laws to clarify that slot machine facilities satisfy
17 the qualifications necessary for simulcast races.