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In Senate, February 13, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Currier of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Use of Drugs or Appliances in Horse Racing.

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

R. S., c. 77, § 20-A, additional. Chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 20-A, to read as follows :

‘Sec. 20-A. Use of drugs or appliances prohibited; penalty. Any person who attempts to or does interfere with, tamper, injure, destroy, stimulate or depress by the use of narcotics, drugs, stimulants or appliances of any kind any horse used for the purpose of racing, whether such horse be the property of such person or another, or who causes, or instigates, counsels or in any way aids or abets such interference, tampering, injury or destruction or any person who shall influence or have any understanding, arrangement or connivance with any person associated with or interested in any stable, horse, track or race in which any horse participates to pre-arrange the results of any such race shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The owner of any horse which is found to have been stimulated or doped or the driver of such has worn, carried or had available during a race any stop watch, clock or timing device whatever that might be used to, or attempt to, regulate the speed or time

of a horse shall be denied any part of the purse offered for such a race, and the purse shall be distributed as in case of a disqualification and all horses of such owner shall be barred from racing in this state for the balance of the racing season.'