

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jordan of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Horse Races.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 77, § 9, amended.** Section 9 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 9. Rules and regulations.** The commission shall make rules and regulations for the holding, conducting, and operating of all ~~harness~~ horse races or meets for public exhibition held in this state and for the operation of race tracks on which any such race or meet is held. No such race or meet shall be held on Sunday. No meeting shall be allowed for more than 6 days in any 30-day period, except that between the 1st day of July and the 1st Monday of August, a meeting may be allowed for not exceeding 18 days on mile tracks. In the event such an 18-day meeting is held, no further meetings where pari mutuel betting is permitted, shall be allowed during the same calendar year. ~~No part of this chapter shall be construed to apply to any racing whatever except harness horse races.~~ The commission shall allow horse races, "runners" so called, at the Kite track at Old Orchard for a period of 3 years from July 1, 1945.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 77, § 10, amended.** Section 10 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**'Sec. 10. Races.** No person, association, or corporation shall hold, conduct, or operate any ~~harness~~ horse race or meet for public exhibition, if pari mutuel betting is permitted, within the state without a license from the commission.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 77, § 11, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 11 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Any person, association, or corporation desiring to hold a ~~harness~~ horse race or meet for public exhibition shall apply to said commission for a license to do so. The application shall be signed and sworn to by the person or executive officer of the association or corporation and shall contain the following information :'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 77, § 14, amended.** Section 14 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**'Sec. 14. Penalty.** Any person, association, or corporation holding or conducting, or any person or persons aiding or abetting in the holding or conducting of any ~~harness~~ horse race or meet for public exhibition within the state without a license duly issued by said commission, or any person, association, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or who violates any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the commission shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'