

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

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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 Pari Mutuel Pools.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, §§ 17-A, 17-B, additional.** Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 17-A and 17-B, to read as follows :

**'Sec. 17-A. Tax.** Each person, association, or corporation licensed to conduct a race or race meet within the state shall pay to the commissioner of agriculture 5% of the total contributions apportioned to the state on all pari mutuel pools.'

**'Sec. 17-B. Distribution of tax to agricultural fairs.** The proceeds of such tax shall be distributed by the commissioner of agriculture for the promotion of agricultural fairs incorporated under the laws of this state holding yearly exhibitions, except that 40% of such proceeds shall be used for premiums for pure bred dairy cattle, to be given to fairs paying \$350 or more in each class. The remaining 60% of such proceeds shall be prorated by the commissioner of agriculture to fairs based on the amount of competitive or agricultural premiums paid the preceding year to domestic livestock, household products, farm crops and 4-H Clubs.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 77, § 18, amended.** Section 18 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 18. Records.** Every person, association, or corporation conducting a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall so keep its books and records as to clearly show the total number of admissions and the total amount of money contributed to every pari mutuel pool on each race separately and the amount of money received daily from admission fees, **which books and records shall be subject to audit at any time by the state department of audit. and within** Within 60 days after the conclusion of every race meeting, **every such person, association or corporation** shall submit to the commission a complete audit of its accounts certified by a public accountant qualified to practice in this state and approved by the commission.'