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In Senate, February 26, 1947.

Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Pari-Mutuel Harness Racing.

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

R. S., c. 77, repealed and replaced. Chapter 77 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

CHAPTER 77.

PARI-MUTUEL HARNESS RACING.

Sec. 1. State racing commission. The state racing commission, as hereinafter in this chapter called the "commission", shall consist of the commissioner of education, the commissioner of agriculture and the attorney-general.

Sec. 2. "The Harness Racing Fund." The treasurer of state shall keep a separate account to be known as "The Harness Racing Fund" to which shall be credited all money received from the tax on contributions to pari-mutuel pools as provided for in this chapter which shall be used to provide scholarships for practical training in agriculture, home and industrial arts and sciences.

Sec. 3. Annual report. The commission shall make an annual report to the governor on or before the 1st day of December in each year including therein a full account of its actions, receipts and disbursements under the provisions of this chapter and such recommendations as the commission may deem desirable.

Sec. 4. Licenses. 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. 5. Limitation. Licenses shall be granted only to Maine agricultural associations.

Sec. 6. Bonds. Any duly organized agriculture fair association furnishing a satisfactory bond to pay \$10,000 or more in premiums and gratuities for meritorious agriculture and industrial exhibits shall be entitled to a license.

Each and every agriculture fair association seeking a license under the provisions of this chapter shall before said license is issued give bond to the state of Maine in such reasonable sum not exceeding \$50,000 as may be fixed by the commission.

Sec. 7. Pari-mutuel pools. Within the enclosure and on the grounds of any agriculture fair association holding a harness horse race meeting licensed and conducted under the provisions of this chapter the sale of pari-mutuel pools shall be made under such regulations as may be prescribed by the commission. The commission on such pools in no event and at no track shall exceed 10% and the odd cents of all redistribution to be made on all mutual contributions exceeding a sum equal to the next lowest multiple of 5. Said maximum shall include the 3% tax hereinafter prescribed.

Sec. 8. Tax. Each agriculture fair association licensed to conduct a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall pay to the treasurer of state a sum equal to 3% of the total contributions to all pari-mutuel pools conducted or made at any race or race meet licensed under the provisions of this chapter. All money paid into the state treasury from the pari-mutuel racing fund shall be used under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture and the commissioner of education for educational scholarships.'