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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Fuller of Oxford

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT** Relating to Long Meets in Harness Racing.

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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.** The 3rd sentence of section 9 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'No meeting shall be allowed for more than 6 days in any 28-day period, except night harness racing as hereinafter defined and except day harness racing as provided in ~~the last paragraph of~~ section 12 and except that between the 1st day of July and the 1st Monday of August, a day meeting may be allowed for not exceeding 18 days on mile tracks.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 77, § 12, amended.** The last 2 paragraphs of section 12 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 388 of the public laws of 1949, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, the commission ~~shall~~ **may** issue a license, where pari mutuel betting is permitted, to hold **day or night harness races or meets** for a period ~~of not exceeding 8 weeks and no more between June 15th and October 15th up to the 1st Monday in August and after October 20 of each year, daily except Sundays between the hours of 6 P. M. and midnight.~~ **The commission shall may** grant such licenses for **day or night harness racing** to such applicants

only, who shall have and maintain adequate pari mutuel facilities, which facilities shall include a totalizator or its equivalent where odds will change at least once every 2 minutes, adequate stable facilities for not less than 400 horses, and shall have and maintain a track adequate in width to start 8 horses abreast. Said licensees shall also pay purses at least equal to minimum purses paid at any other New England harness racing track.

During the remaining time of the period, if any, ~~between June 15th and October 15th~~ **up to the 1st Monday in August and after October 20**, the commission may grant to a track or tracks a license to operate day or night harness racing for no more than 2 weeks in any 4-week period without necessarily meeting the specifications set forth in the preceding paragraph.'