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STATE OF HOUSE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 274, L. D. 763, Bill "An Act Relating to Pari Mutuel Pool Contributions to Stipend Fund."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause, the following:

"Emergency preamble. Whereas, due to increased cost of labor and materials, the cost of state government in administering the services required by law has increased; and

Whereas, further revenue is necessary in order to carry out the functions of government as provided by law; and

Whereas, orderly procedure of administering the essential duties required by the people of the state of Maine necessitates further moneys; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in place thereof the following 6 sections:

"Sec. 2. R. S., c. 77, §12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, the commission shall issue a license where pari mutuel betting is permitted to Gorham Raceways to hold harness races or meets in Gorham each year for a period of 4 weeks, and no more, beginning in June on the Monday of the last full week therein which has 7 calendar days. Except that for the year 1953, the commission shall issue such a license to Gorham Raceways to hold harness racing or meets in Gorham from June 15th to July 11th, both days inclusive.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 77, §15, amended. Section 15 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 15. Pari mutuel pools. Within the enclosure and on the grounds of any race track where is held a race or race meet licensed and conducted under the provisions of this chapter, but not elsewhere, the sale of pari mutuel pools under such regulations as may be prescribed by said commission is permitted and authorized. Commissions on such pools shall in no event and at no track exceed ~~15%~~ 16% and the odd cents of all redistribution to be made on all mutuel contributions exceeding a sum equal to the next lowest multiple of 5. Said maximum shall include the ~~5%~~ 5½% tax hereinafter prescribed. A sum equal to 1/2% of such total contributions shall be paid to the treasurer of state to be credited to the "stipend" fund provided by section 16 of chapter 27 ~~as amended.~~'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 77, §16, amended. Section 16 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 16. Tax. Each person, association, or corporation licensed to conduct a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall pay to the treasurer of state, to be credited to the general fund of the state, a sum equal to ~~5%~~ 5½% 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.'

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Sec. 5. R. S., c. 77-A, §9, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 9 of chapter 77-A, as enacted by chapter 289 of the public laws of 1949, and as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Racing shall be permitted ~~in-the-daytime-only~~ at Scarborough Downs until the hour of midnight each day from May 15th to November 30th each year, except that no racing shall be permitted each year for a period of 4 weeks, beginning in June on the Monday of the last full week therein which has 7 calendar days. Except that for the year 1953, racing shall be permitted on July 4th until the hour of 4:30 P.M. Eastern standard time and on July 11th until the hour of 4:30 P.M. Eastern standard time, and for the year 1953, racing shall be permitted until the hour of midnight each day from July 13th to November 30th.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 77-A, §13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 77-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 289 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 13. Pari mutuel pools. Within the enclosure of any race track where is held a race or race meet licensed and conducted under the provisions of this chapter, but not elsewhere, the sale of pari mutuel pools by the licensee under such regulations as may be prescribed by said commission is hereby permitted and authorized. Commissions on such pools shall in no event and at no track exceed ~~15%~~ 16% of each dollar wagered, plus the odd cents of all redistribution to be based on each dollar wagered exceeding a sum equal to the next lowest multiple of ten, known as "breakage", 1/2 of which breakage shall be retained by the licensee and the balance shall be paid to the treasurer of state. Said maximum shall include the ~~5%~~ 5 1/2% tax hereinafter prescribed. A sum equal to 1/2% of such total contributions shall be paid to the treasurer of state to be credited to the "stipend" fund provided by section 16 of chapter 27.'

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 77-A, §14, amended. The 1st sentence of section 14 of chapter 77-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 289 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Each person, association, corporation, trust or partnership, licensed to conduct a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall pay to the treasurer of state and credited to the general fund a sum equal to ~~5%~~ 5 1/2% of the total contributions to all pari mutuel pools conducted or made at any race or race meets licensed hereunder.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, the following :

"Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved."

Filed by Mr. Center of Standish.

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