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House of Representatives, March 17, 1955.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Flynn of So. Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Pari Mutuel Pools at Gorham Raceways.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 86, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 86 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. 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, **except at Gorham raceways in Gorham for which track provision for the computation of commissions is hereinafter provided,** exceed 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 5½% tax hereinafter prescribed. A sum equal to ½% of such total contributions shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the "stipend" fund provided by section 17 of chapter 32, **except at Gorham raceways in Gorham for which track the method of computation of the contribution to be made to the "stipend" fund is hereinafter provided.'**

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 86, § 22-A, additional. Chapter 86 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 22-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 22-A. Pari mutuel pools and unclaimed ticket money at Gorham raceways. Within the enclosure and on the grounds of Gorham raceways in Gor-

ham at such times as a race or race meet licensed and conducted under the provisions of this chapter is held, 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 exceed 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 5, known as "breakage," all of which breakage shall be paid to the Treasurer of State. Said maximum shall include the 5½% tax hereinbefore prescribed. A sum equal to 1% of such total contributions shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the "stipend" fund provided by section 17 of chapter 32. On or before the 1st Monday in December of each year Gorham raceways in Gorham shall pay to the Treasurer of State all moneys collected during the year for pari mutuel pool tickets which have not been redeemed. Said moneys shall be retained by the Treasurer of State and he shall pay the amount due on any ticket to the holder thereof upon an order from the Commission. After the expiration of 3 months, all of such moneys still in the custody of the Treasurer of State shall be credited to the general fund.'