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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Pari Mutuel Pools at Harness Horse Race Meets.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, the revenue to be collected under the provisions of this Act is essential to carry out the needs of State Government as soon as possible; and

Whereas, to provide for such needs of State Government, the revenue to be collected under the provisions of this Act should apply to harness horse race meets in the Spring and Summer of 1955; 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,

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

R. S., c. 86, § 14, repealed and replaced. Section 14 of chapter 86 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following section enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 14. 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 permitted and authorized. Commissions on such pools shall in no event and at no track 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 ten,

known as "breakage," $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ tax hereinafter prescribed. A sum equal to $\frac{1}{2}\%$ 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.'

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