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## NINETY - EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 28, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Heald of Union.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

### AN ACT Relating to Pari Mutuel Horse Racing and the Stipend Fund.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 17, amended.** Section 17 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 11 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended by inserting after the 1st sentence thereof, 2 new sentences, as follows:

**'One-half of the amounts contributed under the provisions of section 14 of chapter 86 and section 13 of chapter 87 shall be divided for reimbursements in equal amounts to each recipient of the stipend fund which conducts pari mutuel racing in conjunction with its annual fair if said recipient has improved its racing facilities and has met the standards for facility improvements set by the Commissioner of Agriculture for said recipients. If a recipient has not complied with the individual standards set by the Commissioner said yearly reimbursements shall be paid in equal amounts to those recipients which have met such standards.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 86, § 14, amended.** Section 14 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 353 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'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%~~ 17% 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 10, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ %~~ 6% tax hereinafter prescribed in section 15. A sum equal to  ~~$\frac{1}{2}$ %~~ 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.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 86, § 15, amended.** Section 15 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 15. **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 $\frac{1}{2}$ %~~ 6% 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.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 87, § 13, amended.** Section 13 of chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes 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 permitted and authorized. Commissions on such pools shall in no event and at no track exceed ~~+6%~~ 17% 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 10, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ %~~ 6% tax hereinafter prescribed in section 14. A sum equal to  ~~$\frac{1}{2}$ %~~ 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.'

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 87, § 14, amended.** Section 14 of chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. **Tax.** 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, to be credited to the general fund, a sum equal to ~~5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %~~ 6% of the total contributions to all pari mutuel pools conducted or made at any race or race meets licensed ~~hereunder~~ under the provisions of this chapter. Each person, association, corporation, trust or partnership licensed to conduct a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall also pay to the city or town treasurer in which the racing plant is located the sum of \$25 for each day of racing, provided such person, association, corporation, trust or partnership has a license to conduct races or race meets for more than 8 days during the year for which the license is issued.'