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CHAPTER 95

H.P. 156 - L.D. 208

An Act Concerning Harness Racing

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

Whereas, the changes included in this legislation must take effect immediately in order to be in effect for the upcoming harness racing season; 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:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §268, as amended by PL 1991, c. 579, §9, is further amended to read:

§268. Rules

The commission shall adopt rules for the holding, conducting and operating of all harness horse races or meets for public exhibition held in this State and for the operation of racetracks on which any such race or meet is held; notwithstanding any other provision of law, harness horse races or meets held on Sunday may not commence until the hour of 1 p.m.

The commission may adopt rules for the licensing and operation of operating off-track betting facilities. The commission shall mail notice of proposed rules or proposed amendments to rules related to off-track betting to each member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal affairs matters and to each member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters not less than 20 days before a public hearing on the proposed rule or amendment and not less than 20 days before adoption of such a rule or amendment without a public hearing. The notice must include a copy of the proposed rule or amendment. This paragraph is repealed 91 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

The commission may authorize licensees of extended meets to provide for the simulcasting of entire racing cards for horse racing during the first 8 weeks of each year.

~~During 1991, the commission may proceed under the emergency rule-making provisions of Title 5, section 8054, without making findings of emergency when the~~

~~only changes to be made are regarding the number of simulcast horse races on the same day as any regular track meeting.~~

The commission may adopt rules allowing interstate simulcasting of horse racing at a licensee's race track during any regular meeting.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective May 12, 1993.

CHAPTER 96

H.P. 185 - L.D. 237

An Act Regarding the Approval of School Warrants by Municipal Officers

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15006, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §130, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Municipal schools. Money appropriated for public schools for educational purposes may be paid from the treasury of a municipality by the treasurer of the municipality in the following circumstances:

A. Upon written order of the municipal officers following receipt of a bill of items certified by the superintendent of schools and approved by a majority of the school board or by a finance committee appointed or duly elected by the school board; or

B. Upon presentation of a disbursement warrant as provided in Title 30-A, section 5603, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (2).

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5603, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 271, is further amended to read:

A. Disburse Except as provided in subparagraphs (1) and (2), disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for the purpose by and signed by a majority of the municipal officers; 2

(1) The municipal officers may adopt a written policy to permit the disbursement of employees' wages and benefits when a disbursement warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer and renewed an-