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the financial condition of the self-insurer in relation to the potential workers' compensation liabilities. The factors the superintendent may consider include the self-insurer's liquidity, leverage, tangible net worth, size and net income. For group self-insurers, the superintendent's review must be based on the aggregate financial condition of the group members. At the request of the superintendent, a group self-insurer shall report relevant financial information, on a form prescribed by the superintendent, at such intervals as the superintendent directs. The superintendent may establish additional review criteria or procedures by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subparagraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

(6) If the superintendent determines, based on an evaluation of a self-insurer's financial condition pursuant to subparagraph (5), that the confidence level at which the self-insurer has been authorized to fund its trust is not sufficient to provide adequate security for the self-insurer's reasonably anticipated potential workers' compensation liabilities, the superintendent shall make a determination of the appropriate confidence level and order the selfinsurer to take prompt action to increase funding to that level within 60 days.

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#### CHAPTER 99

#### H.P. 853 - L.D. 1155

#### An Act To Allow Harness Racing Betting To Be Conducted at Class A Lounges

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-D, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 493, §1 and affected by §14, is further amended to read:

**1. Off-track betting on simulcast racing.** A person may conduct pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility that is licensed under this section, if the person is licensed to operate a hotel, as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, paragraph H, with public dining facilities, <u>a Class A lounge, as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, paragraph L, a Class A restaurant, as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, paragraph L, section 2, subsection 15, paragraph R, or a Class A</u>

restaurant/lounge, as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, paragraph R-1.

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### CHAPTER 100

#### S.P. 26 - L.D. 11

#### An Act To Regulate the Keeping of Wolf Hybrids

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

Whereas, the keeping of wolf hybrids poses concerns for public safety; and

Whereas, current regulation of wolf hybrid kennels does not provide adequate safeguards; 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. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§8-A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 403, §1, is further amended to read:

**8-A. Breeding kennel.** "Breeding kennel" means a location where 5 or more adult female dogs<del>, wolf hybrids</del> or cats capable of breeding are kept and some or all of the offspring are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value or a location where more than 16 dogs or cats raised on the premises are sold to the public in a 12-month period. "Breeding kennel" does not include a kennel licensed by a municipality under section 3923-C when the dogs are kept primarily for hunting, show, training, sledding, competition, field trials or exhibition purposes and not more than 16 dogs are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value within a 12-month period.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§12-C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 690, §5, is amended to read:

12-C. Dog. "Dog" means a member of the genus and species known as canis familiaris, except that in chapters 720, 721, 725, 727, 729 and 739 "dog" means a member of the genus and species known as canis familiaris or any canine, regardless of generation, resulting from the interbreeding of a member of canis familiaris with a wolf hybrid as defined in subsection 30.