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LD 1820 / HP1342

An Act To Establish the Gambling Control Board To License and Regulate Slot Machines at Commercial Harness Racing Tracks. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and Representatives: ANDREWS of York, CLARK of Millinocket, DAIGLE of Arundel, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, MAYO of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs. Public Hearing 01/07/04. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 04/14/04. Amended by: CA H-868, SA S-519, SC/CA S-515. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/06/04, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 687.

**Original Bill**

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