

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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REVISED STATUTES  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

1954

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1957 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT

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tober 15th, the commission may grant to a track or tracks a license to operate day or night harness racing for no more than 2 weeks in any 4-week period without necessarily meeting the specifications set forth in the preceding paragraph.

Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, the commission shall issue a license where pari mutuel betting is permitted to Gorham Raceways to hold day or night harness races or meets in Gorham each year for a period of 4 weeks, and no more, beginning in June on the Monday of the last full week therein which has 7 calendar days; provided, however, that if no running racing is held at Scarborough Downs after Labor Day each year, Gorham Raceways may be permitted to hold harness races or meets at Gorham. Quinellas or any similar types of designations shall be permitted at any harness race or race meet each day for the last heat only of the race conducted on any particular day. (R. S. c. 77, § 12. 1949, c. 388, §§ 4, 5. 1951, c. 105. 1953, c. 419; c. 423, §§ 2, 2-A. 1957, cc. 47, 382, 389.)

**Effect of amendments.**—The first 1957 amendment repealed the former second paragraph which prohibited the issuance of more than three licenses for certain races on one track in one year. The sec-

ond 1957 amendment added the last sentence of the section. The third 1957 amendment inserted the fourth sentence of the first paragraph.

**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 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," which breakage shall be retained by the licensee. Said maximum shall include the 6% tax prescribed in section 15. A sum equal to 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. (R. S. c. 77, § 15. 1949, c. 388, § 6. 1953, c. 423, § 3. 1955, c. 353. 1957, c. 391, § 2.)

**Effect of amendments.**—The 1955 amendment, which became effective on its approval, May 16, 1955, deleted the words "and on the grounds" after the word "enclosure" in the first sentence and rewrote the second sentence.

The 1957 amendment substituted "17%"

for "16%" in the second sentence, "6%" for "5½%" in the third sentence, and "1%" for "½%" in the fourth sentence, rewrote the provision pertaining to retention of breakage, and made other minor changes.

**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 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. (R. S. c. 77, § 16. 1945, c. 297, § 26. 1949, c. 388, § 7. 1953, c. 423, § 4. 1957, c. 391, § 3.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1957 amendment increased the percentage from 5½% to 6%.

## Chapter 87.

### Running Horse Racing Commission.

**Sec. 3. Assistants.**—The commission is authorized to employ such assistants and employees as it may deem necessary to provide adequate policing and to carry out the purposes of this chapter at such compensation on a per diem

basis as the commission may prescribe, subject to the provisions of the personnel law. (1949, c. 289. 1955, c. 82.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment deleted the former second sentence, which forbade the commission to employ any state or local official or employee whose annual compensation from the state or locality exceeded \$1,000.

**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 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," which breakage shall be retained by the licensee. Said maximum shall include the 6% tax prescribed in section 14. A sum equal to 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. (1949, c. 289. 1953, c. 423, § 6. 1957, c. 391, § 4.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 amendment substituted "17%" for "16%" in the second sentence, "6%" for "5½%" in the third sentence, and "1%" for "½%" in the fourth sentence, rewrote the provision pertaining to retention of breakage, and made other minor changes.

**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 6% of the total contributions to all pari mutuel pools conducted or made at any race or race meets licensed 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. (1949, c. 289. 1953, c. 423, § 7. 1957, c. 391, § 5.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 amendment increased the percentage from 5½% to 6% and substituted "under the provisions of this chapter" for "hereunder".

**Sec. 17. Records.**—Every person, association or corporation conducting a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall so keep its books and records as to clearly show all financial transactions relating to racing, which books and records shall be subject to audit at any time by the state department of audit. (1949, c. 289. 1955, c. 457.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment, which became effective on its approval, May 21, 1955, rewrote this section.