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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

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commissioner to appoint an executive director for the board and for the board to recommend candidates to the commissioner. The committee requested that this bill be carried over and the board's status as an independent agency be reconsidered after review of the annual report required by LD 1859. See bill summary for LD 1859.

LD 1958 **An Act Regarding Simulcasting of Harness Racing**

PUBLIC 542
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TARDY		H-706 TARDY
NUTTING		S-392 TWITCHELL

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the Harness Racing Commission may proceed under the emergency rule-making procedures of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act without finding that an emergency exists if the only rule changes are regarding the number of simulcast races that may be broadcast by a licensee on the same day as a regular track meeting.

The bill also restores to the Harness Racing Commission general rule-making powers regarding simulcasting. The general language was deleted from the law when the language regarding simulcasting of entire racing cards was enacted by the 114th Legislature. The bill makes the language restoring the rule-making powers retroactive to the date when they were accidentally repealed.

House Amendment C (H-706) clarifies that the races being simulcast are horse races and that the commission is allowed to proceed under emergency rule-making without a finding of emergency for 1991 only.

Senate Amendment B (H-392) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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