

SENATE No. 124

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony W. Petrucci

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to horse racing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anthony W. Petrucci

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

SENATE No. 124

By Mr. Petruccelli, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 124) of Anthony W. Petruccelli for legislation relative to horse racing [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to horse racing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth and fifth paragraphs and inserting
3 in place thereof the following paragraphs:-

4 No racing meeting licensee, whether acting as a guest track or host track, shall simulcast
5 live races unless the licensee conducts a full schedule of live racing performances during a racing
6 season except that, if the commission determines that a licensee cannot conduct a full schedule of
7 live racing performances due to weather conditions, race track conditions, strikes, work
8 stoppages, sickness or quarantine not within the control of the licensee, the commission may
9 permit the licensee to continue simulcasting and, if it appears that a racing meeting licensee is or
10 will become unable to conduct a full schedule of live racing performances, the commission shall
11 suspend such right to simulcast until the licensee conducts or resumes a full schedule of live
12 racing performances; provided, however, that no racing meeting licensee shall simulcast live
13 races in any racing season unless the racing meeting licensee is licensed to and actually conducts

14 at least 900 live races over the course of not less than 100 calendar days during that racing
15 season with no fewer than 7 races completed on any of those 100 calendar days; provided,
16 further, that if on petition of a racing meeting licensee the commission determines, for any
17 reason and in the exercise of its discretion, that the licensee should be permitted to continue
18 simulcasting without satisfying the live racing conditions set forth in this paragraph, it may
19 increase or decrease the minimum number of live races or the minimum number of days of live
20 racing required to continue simulcasting or it may suspend the live racing conditions in their
21 entirety.

22 All simulcasts shall comply with the provisions of the Interstate Horse Racing Act of
23 1978, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 et seq. or other applicable federal law.