

HOUSE No. 4365

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 29, 2014.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was recommitted the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4115) of Shawn Dooley and Richard J. Ross relative to simulcast wagering in Norfolk County, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4365) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN W. SCIBAK.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to racing days.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate simulcasting, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 6 of chapter 128C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 57, the words “two and one-half” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:- three eights of one.

4 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in calendar
5 year 2014, the harness horse racing meeting licensee located in Norfolk county may simulcast
6 live races provided that said licensee is licensed to and actually conducts at least 720 live races
7 over the course of not less than 80 calendar days during the 2014 racing season with no fewer
8 than 7 races completed on any of those 80 calendar days.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in calendar years 2014
10 and 2015 the running horse racing meeting licensee located in Suffolk county may simulcast live
11 races provided that said licensee is licensed to and actually conducts at least 500 live races over
12 the course of not less than 70 calendar days during each racing season with no fewer than 7 races
13 completed on any of those 70 calendar days, or such other number of live races and racing days
14 as may be approved by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission in the interest of the health and
15 safety of horses, riders and drivers.

16 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 2 is hereby repealed.

17 SECTION 4. Subsection (b) of section 2 is hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 5. Section 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

19 SECTION 6. Section 4 shall take effect on January 1, 2016.