

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4817**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 29, 2020.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4354), reports, in part, recommending that the accompanying bill ought to pass (House, No. 4817).

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act extending simulcasting and horse racing authorization.

*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. The first paragraph of section 12A of chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the words “and until July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 1 of  
3 chapter 1 of the acts of 2020, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July  
4 31, 2021.

5           SECTION 2. The last paragraph of said section 12A of said chapter 494 is hereby  
6 amended by striking out the words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 2 of said chapter 1, and  
7 inserting in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2021.

8           SECTION 3. The introductory paragraph of section 13 of said chapter 494 is hereby  
9 amended by striking out the words “and until July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 3 of said chapter  
10 1, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2021.

11 SECTION 4. Section 15 of said chapter 494 is hereby amended by striking out the words  
12 “and until July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 4 of said chapter 1, and inserting in place thereof the  
13 following words:- and until July 31, 2021.

14 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 277 of the acts of 1986 is hereby  
15 amended by striking out the words “and until July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 5 of said chapter  
16 1, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2021.

17 SECTION 6. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 3 of chapter 114 of the  
18 acts of 1991 is hereby amended by striking out the words “and until July 1, 2020”, inserted by  
19 section 6 of said chapter 1, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31,  
20 2021.

21 SECTION 7. The last paragraph of said section 3 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended  
22 by striking out the words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 7 of said chapter 1, and inserting in  
23 place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2021.

24 SECTION 8. The first paragraph of section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by  
25 striking out the words “and until July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 8 of said chapter 1, and  
26 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2021.

27 SECTION 9. The last paragraph of said section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended  
28 by striking out the words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 9 of said chapter 1, and inserting in  
29 place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2021.

30 SECTION 10. The first paragraph of section 5 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by  
31 striking out the words “and until July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 10 of said chapter 1, and  
32 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2021.

33 SECTION 11. Section 45 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2001 is hereby amended by  
34 striking out the words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 11 of said chapter 1, and inserting in  
35 place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2021.

36 SECTION 12. Section 20 of chapter 449 of the acts of 2006 is hereby amended by  
37 striking out the words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 12 of said chapter 1, and inserting in  
38 place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2021.

39 SECTION 13. Section 92 of chapter 194 of the acts of 2011 is hereby amended by  
40 striking out the words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 13 of said chapter 1, and inserting in  
41 place thereof the following figure:- July 31, 2021.

42 SECTION 14. Section 112 of said chapter 194 is hereby amended by striking out the  
43 words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 14 of said chapter 1, and inserting in place thereof the  
44 following words:- July 31, 2021.

45 SECTION 15. Section 74 of chapter 10 of the acts of 2015 is hereby amended by striking  
46 out the words “July 1, 2020”, inserted by section 15 of said chapter 1, and inserting in place  
47 thereof the following figure:- July 31, 2021.

48 SECTION 16. Section 17 of chapter 1 of the acts of 2020 is hereby repealed.

49 SECTION 17. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 128A of the General Laws and  
50 sections 1, 2, 2A and 4 of chapter 128C of the General Laws or any other general or special law

51 to the contrary, the running race horse meeting licensee located in Suffolk county licensed to  
52 conduct live racing pursuant to said chapter 128A and simulcast wagering pursuant to said  
53 chapter 128C in calendar year 2020 shall remain licensed as a running horse racing meeting  
54 licensee until July 31, 2021, and shall remain authorized to conduct simulcast wagering pursuant  
55 to said chapter 128C until July 31, 2021; provided, however, that the days between January 1,  
56 2021 and December 31, 2021 shall be dark days pursuant to said chapter 128C and the licensee  
57 shall be precluded from conducting live racing during that period, unless it applies for and is  
58 granted a supplemental live racing license pursuant to said chapter 128A; provided further, that  
59 all simulcasts shall comply with the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.  
60 or other applicable federal law; provided further, that all simulcasts from states which have  
61 racing associations that do not require approval in compliance with the Interstate Horse Racing  
62 Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3004(a)(1)(A) shall require the approval of the New England Horsemen's  
63 Benevolent & Protective Association prior to being simulcast to a racing meeting licensee within  
64 the commonwealth; and provided further, that if the association agrees to approve the simulcast  
65 for 1 racing meeting licensee, it shall approve the simulcast for all otherwise eligible racing  
66 meeting licensees.