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(16) the licensure of pari-mutuel clerks;

(17) the consideration of rules and regulations with regard to account wagering;

(18) the consideration of methods of wagering by telephone or other electronic account wagering;

(19) the impact, if any, of other games of chance, including the lottery, keno and gaming of any other type upon the racing industry in the commonwealth, including such activities within the commonwealth and such activities outside the commonwealth;

(20) the prohibition against harness horse racing to be held at the same time of day as a running horse race meeting pursuant to said section 3 of said chapter 128A;

(21) a review of said chapters 128A and 128C;

(22) the consideration of any other issues, studies, proposals or impacts that, in the judgment of the commission, may be relevant, pertinent or material to the study, analysis and review of said commission; and

(23) a survey of the dog and horse racing industry in the United States including, but not limited to, an analysis and review of the issues addressed in clauses (1) to (22), inclusive, by said commission, as such are material and relevant to the survey.

Said commission shall submit a copy of a final report of its findings resulting from its study, review, analysis and consideration, including legislative recommendations, if any, to the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, the chairmen of the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chairmen of the joint committee on government regulations and the chairmen of the joint committee on commerce and labor and shall file the report with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before December 31, 2000. Any department, division, commission, public body, authority, board, bureau or agency of the commonwealth shall cooperate with the commission for the purpose of providing information or professional expertise and skill relevant to the racing industry in the commonwealth.

Approved December 22, 1999.

## Chapter 164. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO ISSUE TWO ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws relative to the number of licenses that may be issued in the city of Pittsfield, the licensing authority of the city of Pittsfield is hereby authorized to issue two additional restaurant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under the provisions of section 12 of said chapter 138. Such licenses shall be subject to all the provisions of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

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**SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the issuance of the licenses authorized by this act shall be restricted to business entities that locate in the designated downtown economic development zone. The zone is more particularly shown on a plan entitled "Amended Downtown Pittsfield EOA", dated September 1997, which is on file with the licensing board of the city of Pittsfield.

**SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licenses shall, for a period of ten years, be subject to an annual fee of \$1,500, which shall be in addition to the fee set by the licensing authority for the city of Pittsfield.

**SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the issuance of the licenses shall be restricted to business entities that submit to the licensing authority of the city of Pittsfield a detailed business plan demonstrating the intent and ability of the business entities to make significant investments in the designated downtown economic development zone.

**SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved December 29, 1999.

**Chapter 165. AN ACT EXEMPTING THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE TOWN OF MILLIS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** The position of chief of police in the town of Millis shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 shall not impair the civil service status of any incumbent holding the position of chief of police in the town of Millis on the effective date of this act.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved December 29, 1999.

**Chapter 166. AN ACT VALIDATING THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings taken by the town of Brookfield at the special town election held on September 1, 1999 and all actions taken pursuant thereto are hereby validated,