

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2309

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House Bill, No. 2298, as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. May 25.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

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AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL "BREAKS", SO CALLED, UNDER THE PARI-MUTUEL OR CERTIFICATE SYSTEM OF WAGERING AT DOG RACING MEETINGS NOT CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH A STATE OR COUNTY FAIR SHALL BE PAID TO THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend in part to defeat its purpose by depriving the  
3 commonwealth of necessary revenue, therefore it is  
4 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for  
5 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 5 of chapter 128A of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the paragraph  
3 amended by chapter 497 of the acts of 1939 and in-  
4 serting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 The odd cents over any multiple of ten cents of  
6 winnings per dollar wagered shall be paid to the com-  
7 mission on the day following each day of a horse racing  
8 meeting not conducted in connection with a state or

9 county fair, and the odd cents over any multiple of  
10 ten cents of winnings per dollar wagered shall be paid  
11 to the commission on the day following each day of a  
12 dog racing meeting not conducted in connection with  
13 a state or county fair. One half of the odd cents over  
14 any multiple of ten cents of winnings per dollar wa-  
15 gered shall be retained by the licensee, and one half  
16 shall be paid to the commission, on the day following  
17 each day of a horse racing meeting or a dog racing  
18 meeting conducted in connection with a state or county  
19 fair. Such odd cents shall in this chapter be called the  
20 "breaks".