
By Mr. Burke, petition of James F. Burke for legislation to provide an additional excise on horse and dog racing meetings, the proceeds of which shall be distributed to cities and towns of the Commonwealth for educational purposes. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE ON HORSE AND DOG RACING MEETINGS, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

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

1 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of chapter one hun-
2 dred and twenty-eight A of the General Laws, the state racing
3 commission shall as a condition of issuing a license to any per-
4 son desiring to hold or conduct a running or harness horse
5 racing meeting, or a dog racing meeting, except in connection
6 with a state or county fair, require that the licensee shall pay
7 to the state racing commission the total amount withheld, in-
8 cluding breaks, as defined in section five of said chapter one
9 hundred and twenty-eight A, from the total amount wagered
10 on the opening day of said meeting. Said amount shall be paid
11 by the licensee on the day following the opening day of the
12 meeting.

13 The total amount so paid shall be turned over to the treas-
14 urer of the commonwealth and shall be kept in a separate fund.
15 Annually the state treasurer shall distribute from said fund to
16 cities and towns of the commonwealth in proportion to the
17 amounts of the last preceding state tax imposed upon them,
18 and said amounts so distributed shall be expended by such city
19 or town for educational purposes only, including teachers' sal-
20 aries and maintenance of school buildings.

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