

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1212

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Mr. Rafter of Salem gives notice he will move to substitute this bill for the report of the committee on Legal Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 788) of Fred F. Field, Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., and others that a state horse racing division be established by the Commonwealth with authority to regulate and supervise horse racing, and that certain proceeds of such races be applied to promotion of agriculture and assistance of deserving citizens. February 29.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

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An Act to ascertain the Will of the People with Reference to permitting the Pari-Mutuel or Certificate Method of Wagering on the Results of Horse Races at Licensed Race Meetings in this Commonwealth for the Purpose of Raising Revenue for Agricultural Purposes and for Financing the Old Age Assistance Law, so called.

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

1 For the purpose of ascertaining the will of the  
2 people with reference to permitting the pari-mutuel  
3 or certificate method of wagering on the results of  
4 horse races at licensed race meetings in this common-  
5 wealth for the purpose of raising revenue for agri-  
6 cultural purposes and for financing the old age assist-  
7 ance law, so called, the secretary of the commonwealth  
8 shall cause to be placed on the official ballot to be

9 used at the biennial state election in the current year  
10 the following question:—"Shall the pari-mutuel or cer-  
11 tificate method of wagering on the results of horse  
12 races at licensed race meetings be permitted by law  
13 in Massachusetts for the purpose of raising revenue  
14 for agricultural purposes and for financing the old  
15 age assistance law, so called?"

16 The votes upon said question shall be received,  
17 sorted, counted and declared, and copies of records  
18 thereof transmitted to the secretary of the common-  
19 wealth, laid before the governor and council, and by  
20 them opened and examined, in accordance with the  
21 laws relating to votes for state officers and copies of  
22 records thereof, so far as such laws are applicable.  
23 The governor shall make known the result by de-  
24 claring the number of votes in the affirmative and  
25 the number in the negative, and shall transmit a  
26 statement of such result, in writing, to the general  
27 court during the first week of the session in the year  
28 nineteen hundred and thirty-three. If it shall appear  
29 that a majority of said votes is in the affirmative, it  
30 shall be deemed and taken to be the will of the people  
31 that said wagering shall be permitted by law in  
32 Massachusetts for the purposes aforesaid and if a  
33 majority of said votes is in the negative, it shall be  
34 deemed and taken to be the will of the people that  
35 said wagering shall not be permitted by law in Massa-  
36 chusetts for said purposes.



