

SENATE No. 19

To accompany the petition of William F. Madden that provision be made for increased payments to the Commonwealth by licensees holding or conducting horse and dog racing under the pari-mutuel system of betting. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for an Increase in Payments to the Commonwealth by Licensees holding or conducting Horse and Dog Racing under the Pari-mutuel System of Betting.

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 five of chapter one hundred and twenty-
2 eight A of the General Laws, as appearing in
3 section three of chapter three hundred and seventy-
4 four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-four,
5 is hereby amended by striking out the third para-
6 graph and inserting in place thereof the following: —
7 Each licensee shall pay to the commission on the
8 day following each day of a horse or dog racing
9 meeting, a sum equal to five per cent of the total
10 amount deposited on the preceding day by the
11 patrons so wagering on the speed or ability of
12 horses and seven and one half per cent of the total
13 amount deposited on the preceding day by the

14 patrons so wagering on the speed or ability of dogs,
15 said five and seven and one half per cent, respec-
16 tively, to be paid from the ten and fifteen per cent
17 retained, as provided in this section, from the total
18 amount wagered. Each licensee may retain not to
19 exceed five per cent, in the case of horse racing
20 meetings, and seven and one half per cent, in the
21 case of dog racing meetings, plus such breaks as
22 the licensee's commission on the total of all sums
23 so deposited, such five and seven and one half per
24 cent, respectively, to be retained from the ten and
25 fifteen per cent retained, as provided in this section,
26 from the total amount wagered.