

By Mr. Tobin of Boston, petition of David S. Tobin for establishing a flat amount of six and one half per cent of the total amount wagered at a harness horse racing meeting other than at a state or county fair as the amount to be paid by licensees of such meetings to the Commonwealth. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FLAT AMOUNT OF SIX AND ONE HALF PER CENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT WAGERED AT A HARNESS HORSE RACING MEETING OTHER THAN AT A STATE OR COUNTY FAIR AS THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY LICENSEES OF SUCH MEETINGS TO THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith increase the revenue
3 of the commonwealth from harness horse racing meetings,
4 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, neces-
5 sary for 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 hereby
2 amended by striking out the paragraph appearing in section 2
3 of chapter 294 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following paragraph:—

5 Each person licensed to conduct a harness horse racing meet-
6 ing, other than a licensee holding a racing meeting in connec-
7 tion with a state or county fair, shall pay to the commission on
8 the day following each day of such harness horse racing meeting
9 a sum equal to six and one half per cent of the total amount de-
10 posited on the preceding day by the patrons so wagering at such
11 meeting, said percentage to be paid from the fifteen per cent
12 withheld, as provided in this section, from the total amount
13 wagered.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

Article I. Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 4. The Times, Places and Manner of holding the Elections of Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law alter or amend such Regulations.

Section 5. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall begin at Noon on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by Law provide for the Day of the Commencement of the same.