

HOUSE No. 653

By Mr. Milano of Melrose, petition of Joseph A. Milano for legislation to increase the percentage of revenue which shall be paid to the Commonwealth from horse and dog races conducted under the pari-mutuel or certificate system of wagering. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH FROM HORSE AND DOG RACES CONDUCTED UNDER THE PARI-MUTUEL OR CERTIFICATE SYSTEM OF WAGERING.

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

1 The third paragraph of section five of chapter one
2 hundred and twenty-eight A of the General Laws, as
3 most recently amended by chapter three hundred and
4 fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-
5 six, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the
6 fourth and in the sixth lines, the words "three and
7 one half" and inserting in place thereof, in each in-
8 stance, the word: — five, — so as to read as follows: —
9 Each licensee, other than a licensee holding a racing
10 meeting in connection with a state or county fair,
11 shall pay to the commission on the day following each
12 day of a horse or dog racing meeting, a sum equal
13 to five per cent of the total amount deposited on the

14 preceding day by the patrons so wagering, said five
15 per cent to be paid from the ten and fifteen per cent
16 withheld, as provided in this section, from the total
17 amount wagered. Each licensee may retain as his
18 commission on the total of all sums so deposited, in
19 addition to his share of the breaks as hereinafter pro-
20 vided, a sum not exceeding the balance of the ten
21 and fifteen per cent withheld, as provided in this
22 section, from the total amount wagered after deduct-
23 ing therefrom the amount hereinbefore required to be
24 paid to the commission; provided, that a licensee
25 holding a racing meeting in connection with a state
26 or county fair may retain the fifteen per cent with-
27 held, as provided in this section, from the total amount
28 wagered.