

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, petition of Francis J. Bevilacqua for the establishment of six and one half per cent of the total amount wagered at harness horse racing meetings other than at state or county fairs 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-Two.

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, there-
4 fore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
5 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 connection
7 with a state or county fair, shall pay to the commission on the
8 day following each day of such harness horse racing meeting a
9 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.

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