
By Mr. Kingston of Springfield, petition of William J. Kingston for establishing a flat amount 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 to the Commonwealth by licensees of such meetings. 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 CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I. SECTION 1. ALL LEGISLATIVE POWERS 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 CHOOSE THEIR SPEAKER AND CLERK, AND MAY DETERMINE THE RULES OF THEIR PROCEEDINGS. THE SENATE SHALL CHOOSE THEIR PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

SECTION 3. NO MEMBER OF EITHER HOUSE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT. NO MEMBER SHALL BE A MEMBER OF ANY STATE LEGISLATURE.

SECTION 4. THE SENATE SHALL HAVE THE SOLE POWER TO CONFIRM AND REVOKE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT, AND TO CONFER SENATORIAL RATIFICATION ON TREATIES MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.

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