

HOUSE No. 5516

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives, May 5, 1970.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1036) of George Rogers for legislation to establish a division of gaming within the office of the Attorney General and providing for the allocation of receipts from gaming activities to the Department of Education and to cities and towns to be used for tax relief; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1918) of George Rogers that the Commissioner of Public Safety be authorized to license all gambling activities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2332) of Arthur L. Desrocher that owners of horses and dogs be prohibited from racing said horses or dogs at any racing meetings conducted at any tracks in which they are officers, directors, employees or stockholders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2334) of Michael F. Flaherty for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to off-track betting and sweepstakes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2341) of Robert J. McGinn and James A. Adams relative to off-track wagering; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2677) of Gladys Shapiro for legislation to regulate further off-track betting and for providing for the licensing thereof; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2678) of Gladys Shapiro that the State Racing Commission be authorized to establish a system of off-track pari-mutual betting at existing race tracks within the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2685) of Walter W. O'Brien relative to increasing the number of days for dog racing meetings; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2875) of George L. Sacco, Jr., and another relative to the number of days for the conducting of horse racing meetings and harness horse racing meetings, report the accompanying order (House, No. 5516).

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Ordered, That the Committee on Government Regulations be authorized to sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject matter of current house documents numbered, 1036, establishing a division of gaming within the office of the attorney general, and providing for the allocation of receipts from gaming activities to the department of education and to cities and towns to be used for tax relief; 1918, authorizing the licensing of all gambling activities by the commissioner of public safety; 2332, relating to the ownership of horses and dogs participating in racing meetings; of the investigation and study proposed by current house document numbered 2334, relative to off-track betting and sweepstakes; of current house documents numbered 2341, relative to off-track wagering; 2677, to further regulate off-track betting by licensing thereof; 2678, to authorize legally constituted race tracks to conduct off-track betting at the race track under the parimutuel system of wagering; 2685, to enlarge the number of days for dog racing meetings; and 2875, to amend the permissible dates for horse racing meetings and harness horse racing meetings.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within the commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee may file reports from time to time, but shall file its final report together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations, if any, into effect with the clerk of the house on or before the first Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred and seventy.

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Adopted. Set up for concurrence.

WALLACE C. MILLS, Clerk.