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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

We are filing for your consideration the attached legislative proposal entitled "An Act Relative To Harness Horse Racing". This legislation would increase the number of harness horse racing days from an aggregate of 125 days to 200 days in each of the calendar years through 1995. This increase in days reflects a new vitality in the harness horse industry in Massachusetts and one we strongly support. The legislation will not increase the total number of days that horse racing will occur in 1993 but merely permits the substitution of harness horse racing for thoroughbred racing in Norfolk County.

Given the enthusiasm for harness horse racing in Norfolk County that has been generated over the short period of time since the opening of the harness horse meet in September, we urge your prompt consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

William F. Weld

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Governor

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HARNESS HORSE RACING.

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 13 of chapter 494 of the Acts of 1978, as amended by
2 section 2 of chapter 114 of the Acts of 1991, is hereby further
3 amended by striking therefrom clause (b) of the first paragraph
4 and inserting in place thereof the following: —

5 “(b) no license shall be issued for more than an aggregate of
6 two hundred racing days in any one year at all harness horse racing
7 meetings combined, including harness horse racing meetings at
8 state or county fairs, provided, however, that up to two hundred
9 days may be awarded in Norfolk County only.”