

By Mrs. Swift, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 475) of Jane M. Swift and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation relative to authorizing horse racing meetings to be held in conjunction with the Great Barrington Fair. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HORSE RACING IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

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 1. The commissioner of racing may grant a license
2 for twenty days of running horse racing meetings in the town of
3 Great Barrington in calendar year nineteen ninety-five after a
4 public hearing and notice of said hearing is issued pursuant to the
5 requirements of chapter 40A section 11 and upon approval by at
6 least a four-fifths vote of the board of selectmen in the town of
7 Great Barrington. Notwithstanding the requirement relative to
8 filing an application for licensing for horse racing as set forth in
9 section 2 of chapter 128A, the commissioner may issue a license
10 for the year 1995 if said application is received by no less than six
11 months before the racing dates requested. The commissioner is
12 required to grant or deny said application within thirty days of
13 receiving said application. Issuance of said license shall be contin-
14 gent upon the payment of \$50,000 annually, to the department of
15 food and agriculture, division of fairs, for the purposes established
16 under the provisions of paragraphs (f) and (h) of said section 2 of
17 chapter 128 for the benefit of the Great Barrington Fair, provided,
18 however, that an application shall provide ample space, as deter-
19 mined by the commission, for an agricultural fair to be held at the
20 site of said horse racing, during the period that the license is
21 issued and all other requirements set forth in chapter 128A consis-
22 tent with is act.

1 SECTION 2. The Commissioner of racing shall be prohibited
 2 from granting a license to simulcast races in the town of Great
 3 Barrington.