

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler for legislation to further regulate racing days in the Commonwealth. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING RACING DAYS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the continu-
3 ance of the racing industry in the commonwealth and the revenue
4 to the commonwealth from taxes on said industry, therefore it is
5 hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary to the immediate
6 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 Chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 is hereby amended by adding
2 after section 13 the following new sections:—

3 *Section 13A.* Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (5) of the
4 first paragraph of section two and of clauses (a) to (q), inclusive of
5 the third paragraph of section three of chapter one hundred and
6 twenty-eight A of the General Laws any person licensed to conduct
7 a running horse racing meet, not including running horse racing
8 meetings held in connection with state or county fairs where racing
9 dates authorized in calendar year nineteen-hundred and eighty-one
10 are not sufficient to allow said licensee to conduct racing through
11 December 31, 1981, may, within seven days of the effective date of
12 this act, make application for additional racing dates to the state
13 racing commission. The commission may award no more than fifty
14 additional dates to said licensee and issue a license therefor upon
15 application so filed for such racing meet to be held or conducted in

16 calendar year nineteen hundred and eighty-one. Said commission's
17 procedures for hearings upon all such applications shall be the
18 same as the procedures on original applications for racing meetings
19 filed under chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A of the General
20 Laws.

21 *Section 13B.* Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (5) of the
22 first paragraph of section two and of clauses (a) to (q), inclusive of
23 the third paragraph of section three of chapter one hundred and
24 twenty-eight A of the General Laws any person licensed to conduct
25 a harness horse racing meet, not including harness horse racing
26 meetings at state or county fairs, whose racing dates authorized in
27 calendar nineteen-hundred and eighty-one are not sufficient to
28 allow said licensee to conduct racing through December 31, 1981,
29 may within seven days of the effective date of this act, make
30 application for additional racing dates to the state racing commis-
31 sion. The commission may award no more than fifty-five addition-
32 al dates to said licensee and issue a license therefor upon applica-
33 tion so filed for such racing meet to be held or conducted in
34 calendar year nineteen-hundred and eighty-one. Said commis-
35 sion's procedures for hearings upon all such applications shall be
36 the same as the procedures on original applications for racing
37 meetings filed under chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A of
38 the General Laws.

39 *Section 13C.* Nothing in these sections shall authorize the state
40 racing commission to change the hours or dates of any racing meet
41 granted to any licensee prior to the effective date of this act.