

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler relative to the establishment and operation of off-track betting in the Commonwealth. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF OFF-TRACK BETTING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 128A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
2 Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1978 is hereby further amended by
3 inserting after Section 16 the following new sections: —

4 *Section 17.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
5 specific law to the contrary, the Commission is hereby authorized
6 to conduct off-track betting on running horse, harness horse and
7 dog races held within the Commonwealth pursuant to the provi-
8 sions of this chapter and on such running horse, harness horse and
9 dog races held outside of the Commonwealth as the Commission
10 may designate.

11 The Commission may establish, and from time to time, modify,
12 repeal and revise, such rules and regulations as it deems necessary
13 or desirable to carry out its duties or to implement the provisions of
14 this chapter and shall file a copy of the same with the State
15 Secretary.

16 *Section 18.* The Commission may establish such off-track bet-
17 ting facilities throughout the commonwealth as will best meet the
18 objectives of this chapter. The Commission may also establish in
19 the commonwealth teletheaters, so-called, to provide audio and
20 visual description of said racing simultaneously with the actual
21 race, either through microwave or some other means, as the Com-
22 mission may determine.

23 *Section 19.* The Commission shall cause a combination of all

24 off-track betting wagers with on-track wagers so as to produce
25 common pari-mutuel betting pools for the calculation of odds and
26 the determination of payouts from such pool, which payout shall be
27 the same for winning tickets, irrespective of whether a wager is
28 placed off-track or on-track. The Commission shall only accept the
29 same type of wager for a particular race as may be placed on track
30 for said race.