

HOUSE No. 2330

By Mr. Catino of Medford, petition of Michael Catino for establishment of a pari-mutuel off-track wagering agency and providing for off-track wagering. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PARI-MUTUEL OFF-TRACK WAGERING AGENCY AND PROVIDING FOR OFF-TRACK WAGERING.

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. In this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
2 the following words shall have the following meanings: —
3 “Agency”, the pari-mutuel off-track wagering agency, created
4 by this act.

5 “Licensee”, any commercial racing organization licensed to
6 operate under chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A of the
7 General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section three
2 of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A of the General Laws,
3 the state racing commission is hereby authorized: —

4 A. To grant to the agency to be known as the pari-mutuel
5 off-track agency a license to conduct off-track wagering on
6 thoroughbred horse racing, harness racing and dog racing, to be
7 exercised on premises owned or leased by the agency at such
8 locations deemed best by said agency, provided such locations
9 are in counties that have authorized that type of pari-mutuel
10 racing to be permitted in said county.

11 Such pari-mutuel off-track wagering agency shall consist of a
12 representative of each association on whose premises a com-
13 mercial license issued under this act could be exercised and three

14 persons to be appointed by the governor:— one from the de-
15 partment of corporations and taxation, one from racing com-
16 mission and one from the office of the state auditor.

17 The members of the agency shall receive no compensation for
18 carrying out their duties.

1 SECTION 3. Said agency shall perform all the functions of an
2 off-track wagering agency and shall have the responsibility for
3 hiring, discharging, payment and control of employees, except
4 pari-mutuel employees, and the withholding of income and em-
5 ployment taxes, if any, shall place and carry public liability,
6 workmen's compensation and others as is customary in the
7 conduct and operation of a wagering office, may conduct pub-
8 licity and perform such other matters, things and duties to ac-
9 complish the purposes for which the agency is appointed. The
10 entire monies wagered in the operation of off-track wagering
11 offices held and conducted pursuant to this act shall be through
12 automatic betting machines capable of accurate and speedy
13 performance at each office at which said wagers are designated
14 and connected by wire to each track so that each wager is made
15 and calculated before each race is started. The tracks at which
16 said wagers are registered shall compute these sums as part of
17 the pari-mutuel pools and shall withhold the commission and
18 pay to the state racing commission in accordance with section
19 five of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A of the General
20 Laws.

1 SECTION 4. Each licensee shall be responsible to the agency
2 to pay for its expenses at each office including rentals, salaries
3 and wages of any employees in proportion to the amounts
4 wagered through the agency wires at each track to the entire
5 amounts wagered through the off-track betting office.