

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1547

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1943.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom were referred the report of the special commission (Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, Chairman of the Commission on Administration and Finance and another) established to make an investigation and study relative to the revenue of the Commonwealth from horse and dog racing meetings (House, No. 1281), the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 287) of Leo J. Sullivan that provision be made for the payment to the Commonwealth of unclaimed awards or dividends at horse and dog racing meetings conducted under the pari-mutuel system of wagering, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 315) of John E. Flaherty for the payment to the Commonwealth of unclaimed awards or dividends at horse or dog racing meetings conducted under the pari-mutuel system of wagering, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 832) of Charles Kaplan and Charles Miller for the payment to United Service Organizations of unclaimed dividends or awards at horse or dog racing meetings, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1547).

For the committee,

ERNEST W. DULLEA.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF MONEY HELD FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS BY PERSONS LICENSED TO CONDUCT HORSE AND DOG RACING MEETINGS.

*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 one hundred and twenty-eight A of the  
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 section five, as amended, the following new section: —  
4 *Section 5A.* Money held for the payment of out-  
5 standing pari-mutuel tickets by any person licensed  
6 by the commission to conduct horse or dog racing  
7 meetings shall be retained by such person for the  
8 payment of such tickets until April first of the year  
9 next following the year in which they were sold.  
10 Within ten days subsequent to April first in each  
11 year, the balance of the money so retained and re-  
12 maining unclaimed on said April first shall be paid  
13 over to the commission and shall become a part of  
14 the receipts of the commission for said year. If,  
15 subsequent to April first in any year succeeding the  
16 year in which it was sold, a pari-mutuel ticket sold  
17 in the year nineteen hundred and forty-three or there-  
18 after is presented for payment to the licensee by whom  
19 the same was sold, such licensee shall pay the same,

20 and may charge the amount so paid against unpaid  
21 money, if any, similarly accumulated in the then  
22 current year on account of pari-mutuel tickets not  
23 presented for payment, and shall give notice to the  
24 commission of such payment, which notice shall con-  
25 tain detailed information as to the ticket or tickets  
26 so paid; provided, that, if no unpaid money has so  
27 accumulated, the licensee may charge the amount  
28 so paid against any other money due or to become  
29 due to the commission from the licensee.

30 All claims for the payment of pari-mutuel tickets  
31 must be made, and all actions at law to recover such  
32 payment shall be brought, within two years from the  
33 date of the purchase thereof. A notice of the limita-  
34 tions prescribed by this paragraph, in such form as  
35 the commission shall prescribe, shall be posted by  
36 each licensee in a conspicuous place at each window  
37 or booth where the pari-mutuel tickets are sold.

