

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler relative to further regulating the purse structure of certain race tracks. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PURSE STRUCTURE OF CERTAIN TRACKS.

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 558 of the Acts of 1981 is hereby amended in Section 4
2 by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph: —
3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the section, in the event of a
4 running horse meeting or a harness horse meeting conducted at an
5 out of state track within seventy-five miles of an in head to head
6 competition with an in state running horse licensee or an in state
7 harness horse licensee, the average daily purses allocated in the
8 case of said running horse licensee shall be no less than seventy
9 thousand dollars and in the case of said harness horse licensee the
10 average daily purse shall be no less than twenty-four thousand
11 dollars. During such head to head competition, if, in the case of a
12 running horse licensee, the seven percent of the nineteen percent
13 withheld to be allocated for the payment of purses is insufficient to
14 equal an average daily purse of seventy thousand dollars the differ-
15 ence shall be paid from the Commonwealth's share of the nineteen
16 percent withheld and, if, in the case of harness horse licensee, the
17 eight percent of the nineteen percent withheld to be allocated for
18 the payment of purses is insufficient to equal a daily purse of
19 twenty-four thousand dollars, the difference shall be paid from the
20 Commonwealth's share of the nineteen percent withheld.

