

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

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S.P. 132 - L.D. 311

An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this bill delays the repeal of the provision of law governing the sale of pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect immediately in order for these changes to be in place before the beginning of the next harness racing season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §275-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 406, §3, is amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed January 1, ~~2024~~ 2026.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §278 is amended to read:

§278. Minors

~~No~~ A minor, whether attending a race or employed in any manner on or about a ~~racetrack~~ racetrack, shall may not be permitted to participate in any pari-mutuel pool or be admitted to any pari-mutuel ~~enclosure~~ sales area.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.