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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 153, L.D. 561, Bill, “An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions in the Harness Racing Laws”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, the harness racing season has already begun for the year 2011; and

Whereas, provisions that promote and support the harness racing industry are beneficial to the economy and the preservation of agricultural traditions in the State; 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,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.