

HOUSE No. 4003

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to simulcasting and racing..

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate simulcasting, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. The first paragraph of section 12A of chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 is
2 hereby amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 1 of
3 chapter 159 of the acts of 2018, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until
4 March 31, 2020.

5 SECTION 2. The last paragraph of said section 12A of said chapter 494 is hereby
6 amended by striking out the words “July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 2 of said chapter 159, and
7 inserting in place thereof the following words:- March 31, 2020.

8 SECTION 3. The introductory paragraph of section 13 of said chapter 494 is hereby
9 amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 3 of said
10 chapter 159, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until March 31, 2020.

11 SECTION 4. Section 15 of said chapter 494 is hereby amended by striking out the words
12 “and until July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 4 of said chapter 159, and inserting in place thereof
13 the following words:- and until March 31, 2020.

14 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 277 of the acts of 1986 is hereby
15 amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 5 of said
16 chapter 159, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until March 31, 2020.

17 SECTION 6. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 3 of chapter 114 of the
18 acts of 1991 is hereby amended by striking out the words “and until July 31, 2019”, inserted by
19 section 6 of said chapter 159, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until
20 March 31, 2020.

21 SECTION 7. The last paragraph of said section 3 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended
22 by striking out the words “July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 7 of said chapter 159, and inserting
23 in place thereof the following words:- March 31, 2020.

24 SECTION 8. The first paragraph of section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by
25 striking out the words “and until July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 8 of said chapter 159, and
26 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until March 31, 2020.

27 SECTION 9. The last paragraph of said section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended
28 by striking out the words “July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 9 of said chapter 159, and inserting
29 in place thereof the following words:- March 31, 2020.

30 SECTION 10. The first paragraph of section 5 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by
31 striking out the words “and until July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 10 of said chapter 159, and
32 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until March 31, 2020.

33 SECTION 11. Section 45 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2001 is hereby amended by
34 striking out the words “July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 11 of said chapter 159, and inserting
35 in place thereof the following words:- March 31, 2020.

36 SECTION 12. Section 20 of chapter 449 of the acts of 2006 is hereby amended by
37 striking out the words “July 31, 2019”, inserted by section 12 of said chapter 159, and inserting
38 in place thereof the following words:- March 31, 2020.

39 SECTION 13. Section 92 of chapter 194 of the acts of 2011, as most recently amended
40 by section 13 of chapter 159 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by striking out the words
41 “July 31, 2019” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- March 31, 2020.

42 SECTION 14. Section 112 of said chapter 194, as most recently amended by section 14
43 of said chapter 159, is hereby amended by striking out the words “July 31, 2019” and inserting in
44 place thereof the following words:- March 31, 2020.

45 SECTION 15. Section 74 of chapter 10 of the acts of 2015, as most recently amended by
46 section 15 of said chapter 159 is hereby amended by striking out the words “July 31, 2019”, and
47 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- March 31, 2020.

48 SECTION 16. Section 13 of chapter 176 of the acts of 2016 is hereby repealed.

49 SECTION 17. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 128A of the General Laws and
50 sections 1, 2, 2A and 4 of chapter 128C of the General Laws or any other general or special law

51 to the contrary, the running race horse meeting licensee located in Suffolk county licensed to
52 conduct live racing pursuant to said chapter 128A and simulcast wagering pursuant to said
53 chapter 128C in calendar year 2019 shall remain licensed as a running horse racing meeting
54 licensee until March 31, 2020, and shall remain authorized to conduct simulcast wagering
55 pursuant to said chapter 128C until March 31, 2020; provided, however, that the days between
56 January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 shall be dark days pursuant to said chapter 128C and the
57 licensee shall be precluded from conducting live racing during that period, unless it applies for
58 and is granted a supplemental live racing license pursuant to said chapter 128A; provided further,
59 that all simulcasts shall comply with the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3001 et
60 seq. or other applicable federal law; provided further, that all simulcasts from states which have
61 racing associations that do not require approval in compliance with the Interstate Horse Racing
62 Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3004(a)(1)(A) shall require the approval of the New England Horsemen's
63 Benevolent & Protective Association prior to being simulcast to a racing meeting licensee within
64 the commonwealth; and provided further, that if the association agrees to approve the simulcast
65 for 1 racing meeting licensee, it shall approve the simulcast for all otherwise eligible racing
66 meeting licensees.

67 SECTION 18. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
68 Massachusetts Gaming Commission shall, no later than December 31, 2019, submit to the joint
69 committee on consumer protection and professional licensure recommendations for the equitable
70 administration and enforcement of simulcasting in the commonwealth after March 31, 2020.