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**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS;
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY; AND,
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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1. Executive Summary

The Maine State Harness Racing Commission was originally created by Public Law 1975, Chapter 771, and reconstituted in 1997 to its current structure of five public members appointed by the Governor. One member must be affiliated with agricultural fairs, one member must represent the public and three members must have knowledge of harness racing. Administrative support and staff are provided through the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, where there are three full time, three seasonal and two half time employees dedicated to the work of the Commission.

The Commission is responsible for rulemaking, adjudicating appeals of judge's decisions, licensing of participants, tracks and off-track betting facilities, and setting the race dates for the year. It meets approximately monthly. During 2017, the Commission submitted legislation to update its statutes, amended rules governing the use of medications and penalties and adjudicated 33 prohibited substance cases and four judges appeals.

Also during 2017, the Commission authorized, and the staff implemented, marketing efforts aimed at augmenting/complimenting current efforts undertaken by the Harness Racing Promotional Board, the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, and The Maine Harness Horsemen's Association. Marketing efforts for 2017 focused on Facebook posts and ads, since these are very inexpensive, can be precisely targeted, and are the best avenue to reach certain demographics that traditional media is ineffective at. A pilot project to revive radio broadcasts of harness racing was implemented during 2017 as well. Races were broadcast at five pari-mutuel fairs and the Sire Stakes Finals in Scarborough. The Commission hopes to build on its 2017 efforts this year with an expanded social media marketing campaign, additional radio broadcasts and a series of special races and events.

2. Overview of Commission Operations and Actions

Annually, the Commission's staff engages in a series of oversight and support activities intended to ensure the integrity of the sport, promote fairness and participation, and enhance the economic viability of the industry. State Stewards and State Veterinarians are present overseeing races on every race day. Blood tests are drawn from two horses following each race, and sent for analysis at LGC Laboratories in Lexington, Kentucky to check for prohibited substances. Samples are also collected daily to check for blood concentrations of carbon dioxide to ensure that trainers are not trying to manipulate carbon dioxide levels through administration of sodium bicarbonate. Finally, the Commission's staff also obtains blood samples during out of competition testing to check for blood doping agents which are designed to increase the oxygen carrying capacity of the horse.

RULEMAKING

Title 8, Chapter 11, contains multiple mandates and/or authorizations for the conduct of agency rulemaking. The Commission currently operates under eleven separate chapters of rules. Keeping rules current with constantly evolving industry practices, issues and statutory mandates requires vigilance and frequent amendments.

Administrative rulemaking must be conducted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 375. All of the Commission’s rules are considered routine technical rules as defined under Title 5, Section 8071. Routine technical rules do not require legislative review prior to final agency adoption.

During calendar year 2017, the Commission adopted extensive amendments to two rule chapters— Chapter 11: Medications, Prohibited Substances and Testing, and Chapter 17: Rule Violations; Penalties.

GRANTING LICENSES AND AWARDING RACE DATES

The Commission is authorized to issue annual licenses to entities desiring to hold harness horse races in which wagering is allowed. It also oversees the issuance of race dates to the various racing venues and issues licenses for simulcasting and to off-track betting facilities. Finally, the Commission licenses horse owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials.

During the 2017 racing year, race days were awarded from March – December:

	Days Granted	Days Raced	Days Not Raced
Scarborough Downs	83	82	1
Bangor Raceway	50	49	1
Northern Maine Fair	6	6	0
Topsham Fair	5	5	0
Skowhegan Fair	7	7	0
Union Fair	5	5	0
Windsor Fair	9	9	0
Oxford Fair	4	4	0
Farmington Fair	7	7	0
Cumberland Fair	8	8	0
Fryeburg Fair	6	6	0
TOTALS	190	188	2

Off-Track and Inter-Track Betting Facilities Days Requested

Hollywood Slots, Hotel & Raceway, DBA Bangor Raceway, Bangor, ME	363
OTB Facilitators, LLC, DBA Sanford OTB Sanford, Maine	363
Midcoast OTB, Inc., DBA Winner's OTB & Sagtuck, Inc., DBA Winner's Sports Grill, Brunswick, ME	363
LRI, Inc., DBA Lewiston Raceway, DBA Winner's Circle OTB, Lewiston, ME	363
Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Waterville, ME	363
Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs, Scarborough, ME	363

Licenses of Racing Personnel 2017 Licenses Issued

Type of License	Number Issued	Amount Paid
Owner	310 @ \$35	\$10,850.00
Trainer	32 @ \$35	\$1,120.00
Driver	35 @ \$35	\$1,125.00
Driver/Trainer	29 @ \$60	\$1,740.00
Owner/Driver/Trainer	103 @ \$90	\$9,270.00
Owner/Driver	14 @ \$60	\$840.00
Owner/Trainer	78 @ \$60	\$4,680.00
Owner/Limited Trainer	36 @ \$60	\$2,160.00
Owner/Driver/Limited Trainer	2 @ \$90	\$180.00
Groom	489 @ \$20	\$9,780.00
Officials	80 @ Various Prices	\$4,000.00
Pari-mutuel Clerks	104 @ \$20	\$2,080.00
Stables	30 @ \$30	\$900.00
Venders	9 @ \$50	\$450.00
Total Amount Received for License Fees		\$49,175.00

MAINE SIRE STAKES PROGRAM

The Commission also oversees Maine's Sire Stakes Program, which seeks to encourage the breeding of Standardbred racehorses in Maine. The program requires the registration of participating stallions and mares, and the resulting foals that will participate on the program. Revenues from both harness racing wagering profits and slot machine profits are designated—by statute—for the purpose of supplementing Sire Stakes race purses. Just under \$2 million was designated to the Sire Stakes purse supplement fund in 2017.

During 2017, the Commission staff once again helped organize and implement the Sire Stakes program in collaboration with the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association (MSBOA). The staff also took part in closing out the Sire Stakes season by attending the consolation draws and the 2 and 3-year old Sire Stakes Finals at Scarborough Downs.

The Commission is happy to report that the 2017 Sire Stakes Program was very successful. As in the past few years there has been a slight decline in the number of participants; however, the favorable purse structure makes the program popular.

Horses in the Sire Stakes events are tested for any prohibited substances as requested by the Sire Stakes Advisory Committee.

A special thank you goes out to each track for hosting, promoting and providing assistance to showcase the Maine Sire Stakes Program. Additionally, a sincere thank you goes to the breeders, owners, Advisory Committee and the MSBOA Board of Directors for all the support and help given to the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities.

MEDICATION/TESTING PROGRAMS

BLOOD TESTING PROGRAM

Test samples were analyzed by the LGC Science Inc. Laboratory located in Lexington, Kentucky, during the 2017 racing season. The laboratory analyses are performed under the direction of Dr. Richard Sams, Director of Science for LGC. Upon arrival at the lab, samples were analyzed to detect prohibited drugs or acceptable drugs that exceeded the permitted levels as stated in the Maine State Harness Racing rule book.

The LGC Science Inc. Laboratory is a parent company of HFL Sports Science, LTD, located in Fordham, United Kingdom. LGC Science Inc., LTD has over 40 years of continuous experience in the science of drug testing. Initial screening of samples is done primarily using either gas or liquid chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry. These dual instrument methods allow for greater confidence in analyte identification. Confirmatory tests generally utilize the same instrumentation, but the method is refined to target the specific analyte in question.

During the 2017 racing year, 3,657 equine blood samples were taken. Of that total, 33 were found to be in violation of the Commission's rules.

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING PROGRAM

In 2008, the Commission requested the staff test for "blood doping" agents, such as erythropoietin (EPO). This procedure requires taking blood from the horses at the tracks and training centers on days when the horse is not scheduled to race, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to the LGC Science Lab for analysis. In 2017, there were 17 horses tested out of competition, none of which were found to be in violation.

BLOOD GAS TESTING PROGRAM

The Blood Gas Testing Program was established in 1993 at the request of the Commission. The program requires taking blood from horses shortly before they are scheduled to race, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to LGC Science Lab for analysis. In 2017, 373 samples were taken pre-race to test for blood gas use. Out of the 373 tests, none were found in violation of the Blood Gas Testing Program.

FUROSEMIDE PROGRAM

The Furosemide Program, formally known as the Controlled Medication Program, was established in 1992 by statute. The program allows tolerances for horses that use phenylbutazone and Lasix. The Commission voted to eliminate phenylbutazone from the Controlled Medication Program during the Commission meeting that was held in June 2014. Consequently, the program now provides for on-site administration of Lasix only by the Commission's veterinarian on race day. There were 521 horses participating in this program in 2017. Throughout the year 31 horses went off the program.

HUMAN DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

The Human Drug Testing Program was created in order to test anyone with a Maine State Harness Racing license while in the paddock on race day. This program was designed to ensure the safety of the licensees and horses, on and off the track. Urine was collected by the State Stewards and was sent to the Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory for analysis.

In the 2017 racing season, 61 drug tests were administered. Of the 61 samples collected there was one licensee in violation of the Commission's rules.

SUMMARY OF FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

During the 2017 racing year, there were on-track 67 violations of racing laws and rules.

Failed to Drive When Programmed	7
Failure to keep a line in each hand.....	30
Foot out of Stirrup.....	3
Foot out of Stirrup with Intent	7
Inside Pylons.....	1
Late Driver Change.....	2
Late to Bring Horse to Testing Barn.....	2
Excessive Use of the Whip	8
Interference - Impeding the Progress	5
Miscellaneous	2
TOTAL.....	67

COMMISSION ACTION ON 2017 RULE VIOLATIONS

Appeals	4	Upheld	2	Overturned	2
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3. Practical Effect of Title 8, Chapter 11 and Recommended Legislation

Title 8, Chapter 11 establishes the State Harness Racing Commission and provides statutory authority for the oversight and regulation of harness racing in the state. It affords for the licensing of participants, tracks and off-track betting facilities, and for the allocation of race dates between the various racing venues. Chapter 11 contains extensive rulemaking authority for the Commission which has resulted in the promulgation of eleven chapters of rules.

In general, Chapter 11 provides adequate authority to regulate and support Maine’s harness racing industry. However, in an effort to keep pace with changing times, Maine’s harness racing statutes have also been amended multiple times over the last two legislative sessions, and one bill—LD 1766—is currently pending before the Legislature. While the need for additional changes is likely to arise in the coming years, no further changes are recommended at this time.

4. Report on the Commission’s Financial Position

The Commission derives its operating budget from three revenue sources as follows:

1. The Department’s share from the commission on harness racing wagering profits;

2. Licensing fees associated with racing participants, tracks, race dates and off-track betting facilities; and
3. To the degree necessary to remain solvent, periodic administrative assessments against revenue allocated pursuant to Title 8, Section 1036, Subsection 2, paragraphs B, C, D, H and I.

The Commission essentially operates a zero-sum budget, insomuch as it attempts to make administrative assessments in a manner that ensures that revenues are approximately equal to expenditures by year end. A small amount of carryover is a necessary component of the calculations since dedicated accounts should never show a negative balance. The table below summarizes the Commissions Financial Position for calendar year 2017.

Statement of the Commission's Financial Position-Cash Basis

REVENUE	ending cash balance 01/01/17 Commission acct 014-0320-07	\$94,125.22
	1221 Licenses Harness Horse Racing	2,350.00
	1301 Comm Pari Mutuels Harness (CPMH)	428,502.49
	1448 Special Licenses & Leases	48,785.00
	2631 Registration Fees for CMP	115,054.00
	2689 Cash Over Cash Short - appeals	(900.00)
	2719 Contributions from other special revenue :	
	Administrative Assessment 01/31/17	\$100,000.00
	Administrative Assessment 06/28/17	110,000.00
	Administrative Assessment 11/20/17	420,000.00
	Total Administrative Assessment	630,000.00
	2952 Adjustment to prior year bal/unallocated (CMP from 032001 to 032007)	(521.29)
TOTAL REVENUE		\$1,223,270.20
EXPENDITURES		
	3100 Salary & Wages	\$375,521.46
	3900 Benefits Costs	207,013.79
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		\$582,535.25
	4000 Services Not By State	579,082.00
	4100 Services By State	18,824.80
	4200 Mileage, Meal & Lodging, In State	6,401.18
	4600 Rents	5,320.65
	4700 Repairs & Maintenance	553.00
	4800 Insurances, Risk Management	1,324.36
	4900 General Operating Expenses	14,064.81
	5300 OIT Technology	149.99
	5600 Other Supplies, lab, household, educational, etc.	13,913.99
	6400 Grants to Pub and Priv Orgns	1,000.00
	8511 Sta Cap Charges	35,439.01
TOTAL ALL OTHER		\$676,073.79
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,258,609.04
ending cash balance 12/31/17		\$58,786.38

5. Overview of Wagering Commission Revenue (Handle) and Disbursements

2017 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE HANDLE

LIVE RACING:

TRACK:	EXOTIC	STRAIGHT	TOTAL
Scarborough	\$539,011	\$277,771	\$816,782
Bangor Raceway	126,012	66,155	192,167
Northern Maine	37,671	24,965	62,636
Topsham	28,475	17,522	45,997
Skowhegan	98,839	49,246	148,085
Union	32,050	17,131	49,181
Windsor	257,831	108,408	366,239
Oxford Fair	32,282	16,365	48,647
Farmington Fair	75,650	34,725	110,375
Cumberland Fair	60,365	34,938	95,303
Cumberland Extension	9,057	2,764	11,821
Fryeburg	335,050	169,875	504,925
TOTAL LIVE RACING	\$1,632,293	\$819,865	\$2,452,158

INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST:

OTB FACILITY:

LRI INC, d/b/a Lewiston Raceways, Inc.	\$76,734	\$22,353	\$99,087
OTB Facilitators dba Sanford OTB	10,438	5,217	15,655
Pioneer Gaming LLC d/b/a Favorites	82,610	19,388	101,998
Winner's OTB-Midcoast OTB	28,767	15,674	44,441
TOTAL OTB FACILITY	\$198,549	\$62,632	\$261,181

COMMERCIAL TRACK:

Scarborough	77,861	20,146	98,007
Bangor Raceway	57,037	10,843	67,880
TOTAL COMMERCIAL TRACK	134,898	30,989	165,887

TOTAL INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST	\$333,447	\$93,621	\$427,068
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2017 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE HANDLE CONT'D

INTER-STATE SIMULCAST

	EXOTIC HANDLE	STRAIGHT HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	EXOTIC COMMISSION	STRAIGHT COMMISSION	TOTAL COMMISSION
OTB FACILITIES						
LRI INC, d/b/a Lewiston Raceways, Inc.	\$2,369,213	\$800,443	\$3,169,656	\$543,641	\$137,908	\$681,549
OTB Facilitators dba Sanford OTB	1,802,495	666,055	2,468,550	403,555	113,409	516,964
Pioneer Gaming LLC d/b/a Favorites	2,503,041	354,305	2,857,346	569,831	61,036	630,868
Winner's OTB-Midcoast OTB	2,413,993	1,152,626	3,566,619	554,241	199,748	753,989
TOTAL OTB FACILITIES	\$ 9,088,741	\$ 2,973,429	\$ 12,062,170	\$ 2,071,269	\$ 512,101	\$ 2,583,369
COMMERCIAL TRACKS						
Scarborough	\$5,378,644	\$1,890,635	\$7,269,279	\$1,212,808	\$323,464	\$1,536,272
Bangor Raceway	1,697,083	549,198	2,246,281	382,752	97,918	480,669
TOTAL COMMERCIAL TRACKS	7,075,727	2,439,833	9,515,560	1,595,560	421,382	2,016,941
TOTAL INTERSTATE SIMULCAST	\$16,164,468	\$5,413,262	\$21,577,730	\$3,666,828	\$933,483	\$4,600,311
GRAND TOTAL HANDLE WAGERED	\$ 18,130,208	\$ 6,326,748	\$ 24,456,956			

Funds received pursuant to MRS Title 8, Chapter 11, §286 Calculation of Distribution of Commission

	GF/STATE 477X-07	AG FAIR STIPEND 473X-01	SIRE STAKE 476X-01	PURSE SUPPLE 478X-01	PROMO BOARD 0873-01	OTB SIMULCAST 474X-01	AGR FAIR FUND 472X-01	TOTAL
Bangor	38,259.38	26,706.67	26,117.33	22,515.30	5,692.26	-	2,013.65	121,304.59
Scarborough	122,613.84	86,564.40	83,420.04	72,962.94	18,447.10	-	6,453.36	390,461.69
Cumberland Fair	1,452.79	1,120.03	961.42	942.10	238.26	-	76.46	4,791.06
Cumberland Fair Ext.	206.37	138.66	142.46	116.92	29.55	-	10.86	644.82
Farmington Fair	1,778.22	1,296.19	1,198.33	1,091.32	275.94	-	93.59	5,733.59
Fryeburg Fair	7,950.94	5,931.45	5,318.94	4,991.96	1,262.31	-	418.47	25,874.07
Northern Maine Fair	921.43	736.46	602.25	619.10	156.59	-	48.50	3,084.32
Oxford County Fair	766.06	571.47	512.48	480.95	121.62	-	40.32	2,492.89
Skowhegan State Fair	2,341.45	1,739.49	1,568.45	1,464.07	370.21	-	123.23	7,606.90
Topsham Fair	690.18	540.68	454.26	454.67	114.99	-	36.33	2,291.11
Union Fair	764.69	577.84	509.43	486.21	122.95	-	40.25	2,501.37
Windsor Fair	6,013.96	4,299.76	4,077.01	3,621.43	915.60	-	316.52	19,244.29
Winner's OTB, Brunswick	60,791.12	31,215.43	28,372.71	88,687.30	6,648.09	87,893.33	3,199.53	306,807.51
LRI, Lewiston	58,443.33	28,312.64	28,405.06	83,218.09	6,036.69	77,857.72	3,075.96	285,349.50
Pioneer Gaming, Sanford	42,617.08	20,797.39	20,284.01	62,169.85	4,432.92	59,088.74	2,243.00	211,633.01
Pioneer Gaming, Waterville	57,785.73	25,392.76	29,500.89	81,710.67	5,424.55	69,561.50	3,041.35	272,417.46
	403,396.56	235,941.32	231,445.07	425,532.89	50,289.64	294,401.29	21,231.40	1,662,238.17

Overview of Wagering Commission Revenue (Handle) and Distribution

		Distribution Basis			Handle						
Actual Days Raced	Number of Dashes	Exotic Wagers at OTBs	Premiums	Commission	Agri Slip- Prem/facility Improvement	Fair Stipend 5%	Sire Stakes	Purse Supplement	Promotion Fund	OTB Simulcast Fund	Total
Handle Revenue				\$403,396.56	\$235,941.30	\$21,231.40	\$231,445.07	\$425,532.93	\$50,289.65	\$294,401.26	\$1,662,238.17
Recipients:											
Agricultural Fair Coordinator Assessment					\$33,437.70						\$33,437.70
Commission Operating Fund				403,396.56							403,396.56
Promotion Board									50,289.65		50,289.65
See Sire Stakes Report							231,445.07				231,445.07
Bangor Raceway	49	427	\$38,313					111,838.90		56,891.08	168,729.98
Scarborough Downs	82	758	93,134					187,158.95		138,294.92	325,453.87
Action Fair			\$38,960				3,777.71	-		-	3,777.71
Bangor Fair			74,924				7,265.01			-	7,265.01
Blue Hill Fair			50,063				4,854.36			-	4,854.36
Clinton Lions Club			47,566				4,612.29			-	4,612.29
Common Ground Fair			35,624				722.03			-	3,454.27
Cumberland Fair	7	66	9,980					15,976.99		14,819.33	48,628.37
Cumberland Fair EXT	1	10	-					2,282.43		-	2,282.43
Farmington Fair	7	64	71,845					15,976.99		13,693.77	44,721.38
Fryeburg Fair	6	60	374,295					13,694.56		17,282.78	67,142.45
Harmony Free Fair			22,907					-		-	2,221.21
Houlton Fair			96,543							-	9,361.30
Litchfield Fair			43,912							-	4,257.92
Monmouth Fair			19,017							-	1,843.94
New Portland Fair			9,223							-	894.29
Northern Maine Fair	6	55	65,499					13,694.56		3,176.21	31,478.33
Ossipee Valley Fair			35,607					-		-	3,452.61
Oxford County Fair	4	36	44,132					5,566.46		4,640.32	23,322.72
Piscataquis Valley Fair			40,250					-		-	3,902.80
Pittston Fair			31,144							-	3,019.88
Skowhegan State Fair	7	65	134,420					15,976.99		14,544.62	49,940.64
Springfield Fair			46,894					-		-	4,547.08
Topsham Fair	5	45	2,702					11,412.13		4,012.21	29,546.04
Union Fair	5	40	2,835					11,412.13		4,209.70	30,699.39
Waterford's World Fair			12,076					-		-	1,170.92
Windsor Fair	9	91	138,585					20,541.84		22,836.32	63,088.00
Total distribution				403,396.56	235,941.30	21,231.40	231,445.07	425,532.93	50,289.65	294,401.26	1,662,238.17

Total distribution basis 188 1717 \$198,263.00 \$1,675,941.38

Distribution based on :

N/A	Premiums	See Sire Stakes Report	Actual Days Raced	N/A	Exotic Wagers at the OTB's

6. Overview of Revenue and Disbursements Arising from the Bangor Racino

State Revenue from Slot Machines at Bangor Racino Operation Calendar Year 2017

		Totals
Total Played		408,447,020.62
Gambling Control Board	1%	4,084,470.21
Gross Revenue		41,691,455.44
Net Revenue		14,666,724.24
Fund To Supplement Purses	10%	3,760,698.54
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	3%	1,128,209.56
Sire Stakes Fund	3%	1,128,209.56
General Fund	4%	1,504,279.39
Fund To Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks	4%	1,504,279.40
Fund to Stabilize OTB Facilities	1%	376,069.86
Fund for a Healthy Maine	10%	3,760,698.54
UMS Scholarship Fund*	1.92%/1.89%	720,228.42
Maine Maritime Academy*	0.08% / .11%	31,911.28
ME Com. Col. System Scholarship FundMaine	1%	376,069.85
City of Bangor	1%	376,069.85
Total	39%	14,666,724.24
PNG, Inc.	61%	22,940,260.99
3% of the 61% goes to the City of Bangor per Statute		

Source: Gambling Control Unit Website Revenue Information for Hollywood Casino 2017

Overview of Wagering Commission Revenue (Bangor Racino) and Distribution

	Distribution Basis		Racino					Total	
	Race Day Credits Earned	Number of Dashes	Ag Fair Stipend Premiums	Ag Fair Stipend Purse Supplement	Purse supplement	Sire Stakes	Funds to Encourage Racing		OTB
Racino Revenue *			\$773,663.21	\$352,190.18	\$3,752,844.76	\$1,125,853.39	\$1,501,137.86	\$375,284.49	\$7,880,973.89

Recipients:	Race Day Credits Earned	Number of Dashes	Ag Fair Stipend Premiums	Ag Fair Stipend Purse Supplement	Purse supplement	Sire Stakes	Funds to Encourage Racing	OTB	Total
Administrative Assessment			\$89,999.91		\$299,999.70	\$89,999.91	\$120,000.51	\$29,999.97	\$630,000.00
Agricultural Fair Coordinator Assessment			88,876.23						88,876.23
See Sire Stakes Report						1,035,853.48			1,035,853.48
LRI OTB								86,321.13	86,321.13
Sanford-OTB					-			86,321.13	86,321.13
Waterville-OTB					-			86,321.13	86,321.13
Winner's OTB								86,321.13	86,321.13
Bangor Raceway	95	427		89,461.75	863,195.04		524,832.19		1,477,488.98
Scarborough Downs	155	758		158,810.33	1,532,322.82		856,305.16		2,547,438.31
Acton Fair			13,826.64						13,826.64
Bangor Fair			26,590.33						26,590.33
Blue Hill Fair			17,767.22						17,767.22
Clinton Lions Club			16,881.21						16,881.21
Common Ground Fair			12,642.79						12,642.79
Cumberland Fair			39,637.45						39,637.45
Cumberland Fair EXT									
Farmington Fair									
Fryeburg Fair									
Harmony Free Fair									
Houlton Fair									
Litchfield Fair									
Monmouth Fair									
New Portland Fair									
Northern Maine Fair									
Ossipee Valley Fair									
Oxford County Fair									
Piscataquis Valley Fair									
Pittston Fair									
Skowhegan State Fair									
Springfield Fair									
Topsham Fair									
Union Fair									
Waterford's World Fair									
Windsor Fair									
Total distribution/disbursements			773,663	352,190.18	3,752,844.76	1,125,853.39	1,501,137.86	375,284.49	7,880,973.89

Total distribution basis	250	1681	1,675,941
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Distribution based on :	Premiums	Number of Dashes	Number of Dashes	See Sire Stakes Report	Race Day Credits Earned	Disbursed Evenly
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*Based on actual funds received

7. Overview of Revenue and Disbursements Arising from the Oxford Casino

State Revenue from Slot Machines at Oxford Casino Operation Calendar Year 2017

		Totals
Gross Revenue		796,567,078.08
Net Revenue		68,722,796.42
46% Tax		31,612,486.35
DOE Grades K-12	25%	17,180,699.05
U of ME Scholarship Sys*	3.85%/3.77%	2,636,679.90
Maine Maritime Academy*	0.15%/0.23%	112,231.97
ME Comm College Scholarship	3%	2,061,683.89
Tribal Governments Penob & Pass	4%	2,748,911.85
Gambling Control Board & Add'l	3%	2,061,683.89
Host Municipality-Town of Oxford	2%	1,374,455.95
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	1%	687,227.98
Harness Racing Purse Supplement	1%	687,227.98
Sire Stakes Fund	1%	687,227.98
Host County Costs-Oxford	1%	687,227.98
Dept of Agr. Dair Imp. Fund 7/13	0.50%	343,613.97
Dept of Agr. Maine Milk Fund 7/13	0.50%	343,613.97
Total 46% Tax	46%	31,612,486.36

Source: Gambling Control Unit Website Revenue Information for Oxford Casino 2017

Overview of Wagering Commission Revenue (Oxford Casino) and Distribution

Distribution Basis		Oxford Casino				
Number of Dashes	Premiums	Ag Fair Stipend Premiums	Ag Fair Stipend Purse Supplement	Sire Stakes	Purse Supplement	Total
		\$454,527.49	\$234,150.54	\$668,678.03	\$688,678.03	\$2,046,034.09

Distributions/Disbursements:

Transferred to Ag Fair Coord						\$59,088.57				\$59,088.57
See Sire Stakes Report					668,678.03					668,678.03
Bangor Raceway	427					59,477.86			172,267.81	231,745.67
Scarborough Downs	758					105,583.65			305,805.63	411,389.28
Acton Fair		\$38,960								9,192.52
Bangor Fair		74,924								17,678.34
Blue Hill Fair		50,063								11,812.38
Clinton Lions Club		47,566								11,223.32
Common Ground Fair		35,624								8,405.45
Cumberland Fair	66					111,687				26,352.61
Cumberland Fair EXT	10									9,193.30
Farmington Fair	64									1,392.92
Fryeburg Fair	60									8,914.71
Harmony Free Fair		22,907								8,357.54
Houlton Fair		96,543								5,404.99
Litchfield Fair		43,912								22,779.35
Monmouth Fair		19,017								10,361.02
New Portland Fair		9,223								4,486.97
Northern Maine Fair	55									2,176.12
Ossipee Valley Fair		35,607								15,454.43
Oxford County Fair	0									7,661.08
Piscataquis Valley Fair		40,250								8,401.42
Pittston Fair		31,144								10,413.02
Skowhegan State Fair	65									9,496.89
Springfield Fair		46,894								7,348.44
Topsham Fair	45									31,716.33
Union Fair	40									9,054.01
Waterford's World Fair		12,076								26,223.44
Windsor Fair	91									11,064.65
										13,812.31
										6,268.16
										5,571.70
										2,849.27
										32,699.21
										12,675.61
Total distribution/disbursements						\$234,150.54		\$668,678.03		\$688,678.03
										\$454,527.49

Total distribution basis **1,681** \$ **1,675,941**

Distribution based on :

Premiums	Number of Dashes	See Sire Stakes Report	Number of Dashes
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*Based on actual funds received

8. Use of Funds by Commercial Tracks (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037(1))

There were two (2) licensed pari-mutuel facilities that met the definition of a Commercial Race Track pursuant to 8 MRS Section 275-A. One is located in Scarborough and the other in Bangor.

Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs conducted 82 days of live racing offering wagering on 758 dashes and HC Bangor LLC, DBA Hollywood Casino Hotel & Raceway conducted 49 days of live racing and offered wagering on 427 dashes to the Off-track Betting facilities in Maine as well as out-of-state. Both facilities were licensed to accept pari mutuel wagers on simulcast races for 363 days.

The revenues received from the Fund To Encourage Racing At Maine's Commercial Tracks were used by the recipients to defray expenses incurred in conducting live racing and accepting pair mutuel wagers throughout the licensing year.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 1 is contained on the following pages.

Use of Funds by Commercial Tracks for 2017

	SD	Bangor
Commercial Tracks		
A. The total amount wagered on live harness races	816,782	192,167
B. The total amount wagered on intrastate simulcast races	98,007	67,880
C. The total amount wagered on interstate simulcast races	7,269,279	2,246,281
D. The number of harness races originated in the State and made available for simulcast outside of the State	758	427
E. The amount of the harness racing handle from wagers at the commercial track kept by that commercial track and the distribution of the handle to the State and industry recipients under section 286		
Handle Distribution to State & Industry Recipients Under section § 286		
Ag. Fair Stipend	86,564	26,707
Sire Stakes	83,420	26,117
Purse Supplement	72,963	22,515
Promotional Board Fund	18,447	5,692
Commission Operations	122,614	38,259
Ag. Fair Fund	6,453	2,014
Racing Handle Kept by Track-Horseman's Purse	247,314	76,125
Racing Handle Kept by Track-Track's Share	1,108,482	342,072
F. The amount received from the handle distribution from wagers at other tracks and off-track betting facilities under section 286		
Racing Handle received from other Track-Horseman's Purse	1,151	1,188
Racing Handle received from other Track-Track's Share	4,607	4,826
Racing Handle received from off-track betting facilities-Horseman's Purse	8,896	3,764
Racing Handle received from off-track betting facilities-Track's Share	9,821	4,204
G. The amount of revenue received in accordance with section 1036, subsection 2, paragraphs B, D and H		
B-Section 298-Supplement Harness Racing Purses-Bangor Racino	1,532,323	863,195
B-Section 298-Supplement Harness Racing Purses-Oxford Casino	305,806	172,268
Section 290-Supplement Harness Racing Purses-Handle	187,159	111,839
D-Title 7, Section 91-Agricultural Fair Support fund-Bangor Racino	158,810	89,462
D-Title 7, Section 91-Agricultural Fair Support fund-Oxford Casino	105,584	59,478
H-Section 299-Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Track-Bangor Racino	856,305	524,832
Section 295-Off-Track Betting Facility Simulcast Fund-Handle	138,295	56,891
H. The number of full-time and part-time employees at the commercial track		
Full-Time Employees	24	4
Part-Time Employees	32	10
I. The amount, if any, spent on capital improvements to the commercial track and related facilities and a description of those improvements. The first report must include the amount spent since November 2005, shown by year. Subsequent annual reports must include the amount spent on capital improvements the immediately preceding calendar year;	See below	See below
J. Operating costs for the commercial track	2,833,254	1,725,614
K. Depreciation figures for the commercial track		21,246
K. Profit or (loss) figures for the commercial track	93,085	(524,427)
L. Administrative costs to comply with reporting requirements and contributions to the State Harness Racing Commission's operating account described in section 267-A	200	1,100
Scarborough Downs Capital Improvements:		
No capital improvements made beyond normal maintenance & repairs		
Bangor Capital Improvements:		
Capital improvements: \$94,163.30 (Raceway TVs \$1,329.51; Grandstand Roof \$5,980.00; Water Truck \$15,425.00; RV Lot Electrical Upgrade \$59,852.27; Fiber Patch Cables Raceway Sign \$2,012.94 and Racetrack Surveillance Upgrade \$9,563.58)		

9. Use of Funds by Fairs that Conduct Harness Racing (pursuant to 8 MRS §1037 (2))

There were nine (9) licensed agricultural fairs that conducted harness racing during their annual exhibition. The total number of days these nine agricultural fairs conducted harness racing in 2017 was 57 days. Cumberland Fair conducted one (1) day of racing that is classified as an Extended Meet.

These nine fairs spent a total of \$1,071,233 in premiums and made \$734,004 in capital improvements in 2017. These fairs wagered \$1,443,209 at their tracks and paid out \$1,533,500 in purses.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 2 is contained on the following page.

It should be noted that absent a requirement in the statute to keep funds received from the racino in Bangor and the casino in Oxford separate, most fairs comingled these funds in either their general operating account or in the horsemen's purse account. Therefore, there is not an independent accounting for the funds received pursuant to 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86. However, after reviewing the annual reports required for submission to this office, it has been determined that these funds have been used in accordance with the provisions found in 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86.

2017 Agricultural Fairs that Conduct Harness Racing

Fair	Handle Purse Supplement	Racino Purse Supplement	Casino Purse Supplement	Ag. Fair Racino Purse Supplement	Ag Fair Casino Purse Supplement	On Track Purse Supplement	OTB Purse Supplement	Payment MIHHA Funding	Purses Paid	Days Raced	Dashes Raced	Dashes Available to OTB	Total Live Waged
Cumberland	15,976.99	133,421.25	26,626.88	13,827.81	9,193.30	2,184.87	919.71	4,245.17	207,300.00	7	66	66	95,303
Cumberland Ext.	2,282.43	20,215.34	4,034.38	2,095.12	1,392.92	314.78	0.00	637.03	28,200.00	1	10	10	11,821
Farmington	15,976.99	129,378.18	25,820.00	13,408.79	8,914.71	2,690.45	923.26	4,139.36	193,300.00	7	64	64	110,375
Fryeburg	13,694.56	121,292.04	24,206.25	12,570.74	8,357.54	12,000.45	1,336.94	4,062.63	196,300.00	6	60	60	504,925
Northern Maine	13,694.56	111,184.37	22,189.06	11,523.18	7,661.08	1,380.11	0.00	3,520.28	149,200.00	6	55	55	62,636
Oxford	5,566.46	54,646.31	10,499.59	0.00	0.00	1,156.23	355.68	1,516.71	102,100.00	4	36	36	48,647
Skowhegan	15,976.99	131,399.71	26,223.44	13,618	9,054.01	3,535.55	1,133.56	4,219.77	175,800.00	7	65	65	148,085
Topsham	11,412.13	90,969.03	18,154.69	9,428	6,268.16	1,036.11	0.00	2,882.63	112,500.00	5	45	45	45,997
Union	11,412.13	80,861.36	16,137.50	8,380	5,571.70	1,152.57	0.00	2,593.83	106,700.00	5	40	40	49,181
Windsor	20,541.84	183,959.60	36,712.81	19,066	12,675.61	9,117.32	1,468.85	5,954.37	262,100.00	9	91	91	366,239
	126,535.08	1,057,327.20	210,604.59	103,918.10	69,089.04	34,568.44	6,138.01	33,771.79	1,533,500.00	57	532	532	1,443,209
Fair	OTB Simulcast Fund	Premiums Approved	Facilities Approved*	Bangor Racino Stipend	Oxford Casino Stipend	Premium Stipend	Facility Stipend	Attendance Paid*	Attendance Free & Vendor*	Attendance Total*	Labor Costs*	Operating Expenses*	
Cumberland	14,819.33	111,687	84,272	39,637.45	26,352.61	7,797	10,035	28,693	11,814	40,507	150,659	473,925	
Farmington	13,693.77	71,845	49,481	25,497.65	16,951.89	5,016	10,035	23,718	1,282	25,000	83,467	210,405	
Fryeburg	17,282.78	374,295	380,799	132,836.36	88,315.06	26,130	10,035	170,614	49,386	220,000	1,313,426	1,679,501	
Northern Maine	0.00	65,499	84,643	23,245.29	15,454.43	4,573	10,035	19,982	3,315	23,297	63,673	227,769	
Oxford	4,640.32	44,132	0	15,662.42	10,413.02	3,081	10,035	12,000	500	12,500	18,249	272,230	
Skowhegan	14,544.62	134,420	34,125	47,705.12	31,716.33	9,384	10,035	51,000	3,500	54,500	116,472	604,817	
Topsham	4,012.21	58,539	3,384	20,775.35	13,812.31	4,087	10,035	19,500	0	19,500	49,274	289,546	
Union	4,209.70	72,231	8,937	25,634.59	17,042.93	5,043	10,035	22,527	5,633	28,160	20,859	206,622	
Windsor	22,836.32	138,585	88,363	49,183.50	32,699.21	9,675	10,035	51,769	43,231	95,000	126,967	675,169	
	96,039.05	1,071,233	734,004	380,177.73	252,757.79	74,784	90,315	399,803	118,661	518,464	1,943,047	4,639,985	

*Information provided by Fair Associations

10. Use of Funds by Fairs that Do Not Conduct Harness Racing (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037 (3))

There were fifteen (15) licensed agricultural fairs that did not conduct harness racing during their annual exhibition in 2017. These fifteen fairs paid out \$604,708 in premiums and made \$1,215,332 in capital improvements.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 3 is contained on the following page.

It should be noted that absent a requirement in the statute to keep the funds received from the racino in Bangor and the casino in Oxford separate, most fairs comingled these funds in their general operating account. Therefore, there is not an independent accounting for the funds received pursuant to 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86. However, after reviewing the annual reports required for submission to this office, it has been determined that these funds have been used in accordance with the provisions found in 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86.

2017 Agricultural Fairs that do not Conduct Harness Racing

Fair	Premiums Approved	Facilities Approved	Bangor Racino Stipend	Oxford Casino Stipend	Handle Premium Stipend	Handle Facility Stipend	Attendance Paid*	Attendance Free & Vendor*	Attendance Total*	Labor Costs*	Operating Expenses*
Acton Fair	38,960	37,761	13,826.64	9,192.52	2,720	1,058	10,398	802	11,200	21,975	74,705
Bangor Fair	74,924	675,658	26,590.33	17,678.34	5,231	2,034	33,355	624	33,979	89,278	480,277
Blue Hill Fair	50,063	15,182	17,767.22	11,812.38	3,495	1,359	25,263	0	25,263	68,892	123,605
Clinton Fair	47,566	11,765	16,881.21	11,223.32	3,321	1,292	14,234	2,726	16,960	8,282	95,145
Common Ground Fair	35,624	196,712	12,642.79	8,405.45	2,487	967	42,502	20,792	63,294	224,104	612,849
Harmony Free Fair	22,907	110,777	8,129.75	5,404.99	1,599	622	10,500	0	10,500	946	42,094
Houlton Fair	96,543	26,891	34,262.85	22,779	6,740	2,621	6,944	689	7,633	8,842	121,927
Litchfield Fair	43,912	3,575	15,584.20	10,361	3,066	1,192	9,868	4,127	13,995	15,535	62,342
Monmouth Fair	19,017	9,365	6,748.93	4,487	1,328	516	3,004	1,046	4,050	780	32,418
North New Portland Fair	9,223	7,060	3,273.14	2,176	644	250	4,200	0	4,200	3,004	4,304
Ossipee Valley Fair	35,607	14,784	12,636.73	8,401.42	2,486	967	5,948	1,077	7,025	5,200	45,705
Piscataquis Valley Fair	40,250	58,134	14,284.45	9,496.89	2,810	1,093	12,000	0	12,000	4,250	83,082
Pittston Fair	31,144	13,131	11,052.92	7,348.44	2,174	846	1,736	1,736	3,472	940	16,779
Springfield Fair	46,894	26,710	16,642.54	11,064.65	3,274	1,273	3,510	500	4,010	10,477	76,666
Waterford World's Fair	12,076	7,828	4,285.64	2,849.27	843	328	1,342	402	1,744	0	38,665
TOTALS	604,708	1,215,332	214,609.34	142,681.13	42,216	16,420	184,804	34,521	219,325	462,504.45	1,910,562.89

*Information provided by Fair Associations

11. Use of Funds by the Maine Standardbred Program (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037 (4))

The industry has experienced a decrease in the number of Sire Stakes eligibles participating in overnight events at the various licensed racetracks. There is a need for additional horses to participate in the overnight racing program. Therefore, we continue to import horses from other racing jurisdictions that are unable to compete favorably in their racing program.

2017

Yearlings Nominated	69
Mares Bred	106
Stallions Registered	23
Total Number of Dashes	123
2 year olds	57
Average Purse per Dash	\$10,080
Average Final Purse	\$59,059
Average Consolation Final	\$12,800
3 year olds	66
Average Purse per Dash	\$10,203
Average Final Purse	\$86,109
Average Consolation Final	\$0.00

The revenues generated for 2017 from the operation of the slot facility in Bangor was \$1,125,853.39; from the Oxford Casino was \$688,678.03; and from the wagering handle was \$231,445.08.

We have included an accounting of the funds received and the expenditures made from that account. At the end of the 2017 racing year, there was a balance of \$157,530.06.

Further, we have included a breakdown of the number of participants for calendar year 2017.

2017 STALLIONS REGISTERED AND NUMBER OF MARES COVERED

Art By Keene	0
Baron Biltmore	8
Berley	0
Boy Band	5
Cheyenne Hollywood	4
CR Power Glide	4
Credit Marker	0
Current Cast	5
Deuce Seelster	21
Excel Nine	0
Kid Carson	0
Make it Brief	0
Mister Anson	3
Moving Forward	0
Noble Venture	14
Pembroke Slugger	6
Rare Bunny	0
Shady Character	0
Shipps Super Cruise	2
Solo Speed	0
Tenant In Chief	3
Victor Blue Chip	0
Western Bay	2
Western Maverick	29

2017 PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Stallions Registered		24
Mares Bred		106
Yearlings Nominated		69
Two Year Olds Continued		94
Two Year Olds Sustained		91
	Pacing	
	Colts:	30
	Pacing	
	Fillies:	28
	Trotting	
	Colts:	16
	Trotting	
	Fillies:	17
Three Year Olds Continued		71
Three Year Olds Sustained		64
	Pacing	
	Colts:	17
	Pacing	
	Fillies:	18
	Trotting	
	Colts:	13
	Trotting	
	Fillies:	16

2017 STANDARD BRED BREEDERS SIRE STAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL HANDLE: 24,456,956

REVENUES:

Revenue from the handle	\$231,445.08
Fees	21,980.00
Revenue from Racino, 2017	1,125,853.39
Revenue from Oxford Casino, 2017	688,678.03
2016 Carry Over	26,678.16
TOTAL	\$2,094,634.66

EXPENSES:

Total legs	\$1,183,155.00
Finals	580,678.00
Consolation Finals	25,600.00
MHHA Contract 2.1000%	37,174.69
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Handle, 2017	2,841.01
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Racino, 2017	11,553.45
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Oxford, 2017	6,060.82
2015 Shortfall, Transfer to 2016	0
Printing/Dicap Charges/Other	41.72
Transfer to Commission Operating Budget	89,999.91
TOTAL	\$1,937,104.60

BALANCE 2017: \$157,530.06

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2017: \$157,530.06

12. Use of Funds by Off Track Betting Facilities (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037 (5))

There were four (4) licensed off-track betting facilities that operated in 2017. Pioneer Gaming LLC, DBA Favorites is located in Waterville; Midcoast OTB, DBA Winner's OTB is located in Brunswick; LRI, Inc., DBA Winner's Circle OTB is located in Lewiston and, Pioneer Gaming LLC, DBA Sanford OTB is located in Sanford.

All four facilities offer pari-mutuel wagering on races that originate in Maine as well as races from other states.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 5 is contained on the following pages.

It should be noted that the requirement for Section 1037 subsection 5 paragraph A is not included in this report. None of the off-track betting facilities were able to extract this information from the totalizator records that were in their custody.

Use of Funds by Off Track Betting Facilities (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037 (5))

5. Off-track betting facility. The report required by this section must include, with regard to a facility licensed to conduct off-track betting on harness racing:

	LRI	Waterville	Sanford	Winners
A. The number of individual wagers placed on intrastate and interstate simulcast races and the total amount for each;				
Intrastate Wagers	99,087	101,998	15,655	44,441
Interstate Wagers	3,169,656	2,857,346	2,468,550	3,566,619

B. The number of full-time and part-time employees of the off-track betting facility

Full Time Employees	3	2	2	4
Part Time Employees	5	1	2	7

C. The operating costs for the off-track betting facility	605,522	673,300	624,300	1,087,402
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D. The name and primary location of the company licensed to operate the off-track betting facility; [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

LRI, Inc. dba Winners Circle OTB Lewiston	Pioneer Gaming LLC dba Favorites OTB Waterville	Pioneer Gaming LLC dba Sanford OTB Sanford	Midcoast OTB dba Winners OTB Brunswick
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E. The total number of races originating in the State received for simulcast as reported by the off-track betting facility; [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]	1,683	1,683	1,683	1,683
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F. The amount, if any, spent on capital improvements to the off-track betting facility and a description of those improvements. The first report must include the amount spent since November 2005, shown by year. Subsequent annual reports must include the amount spent on capital improvements the immediately preceding calendar year; [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]	\$4,000 new computers for decoding race signals	-	-	-
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G. The amount of the harness racing handle kept by the off-track betting facility and the distribution of the handle to the State and industry recipients under section 286; [2011, c. 358, §6

Handle kept by the Off-track betting facility

405,161	367,861	306,659	450,909
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Distribution of Wagering Handle:

Ag. Fair Stipend	28,313	25,393	20,797	31,215
Sire Stakes	28,405	29,501	20,284	28,373
Purse Supplement	83,218	81,711	62,170	88,687
Promotional Board Fund	6,037	5,425	4,433	6,648
Commission Operations	61,519	60,827	44,860	63,991
OTB Simulcast Fund	77,858	69,562	59,089	87,893
Originating Track Share	7,845	8,076	1,239	3,517
Horsemen's Purse Acct.	7,171	7,484	1,086	3,058

H. The amount received from the handle distribution from wagers at tracks and other off-track betting facilities under section 286; and [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

285,350	272,417	211,633	306,808
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I. The amount of revenue received in accordance with section 1036, subsection 2, paragraph I. [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

86,321	86,321	86,321	86,321
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