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House of Representatives, January 5, 2022

An Act To Amend the Whistleblowers' Protection Act To Ensure Coverage in Unionized Workplaces

Submitted by the Maine Human Rights Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §837**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 452 and reallocated by c. 583,
3 §15, is repealed.

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This bill changes the Whistleblowers' Protection Act in order to clarify its scope. The
6 bill repeals a section of the Whistleblowers' Protection Act that was interpreted by the
7 Maine Supreme Judicial Court in *Nadeau v. Twin Rivers Paper Company, LLC*, 2021 ME
8 16, 247 A.3d 717 as a bar to enforcement of the Act in many cases in which a collective
9 bargaining agreement is in place.