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House of Representatives, January 26, 2022

**An Act To Provide the State Harness Racing Commission Greater
Efficiency in Rules Enforcement**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §279-B, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

3 **3. Consent agreements.** The commission may execute a consent agreement that
4 resolves a complaint or investigation without further proceedings. A consent agreement
5 may be entered into only with the consent of the licensee, the alleged violator, the
6 commission and the Department of the Attorney General. Any remedy, penalty, purse
7 return or fine that is otherwise available by law may be achieved by consent agreement,
8 including long-term suspension and permanent revocation of a license or registration. A
9 consent agreement is not subject to review or appeal and may be modified only by a writing
10 executed by all parties to the original consent agreement. A consent agreement is
11 enforceable by an action in Superior Court.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill provides that the State Harness Racing Commission may enter into consent
14 agreements to resolve violations of the laws relating to harness racing.