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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 220, L.D. 255, Bill, "An Act to Require the State Harness Racing Commission to Appoint Judges for Harness Races"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the indented paragraph (page 1, lines 6 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, all officials whose presence is regularly required at a race meet must be licensed by the commission and hired on an annual basis by the licensee conducting a commercial or extended meet. The commission shall appoint judges and associate judges licensed in accordance with this chapter to serve at all other racing meets. Upon appointment by the commission, a judge or associate judge becomes an employee of the licensee for the racing meet to which that judge or associate judge has been appointed. The commission shall provide the list of approved judges in accordance with section 279-C. The licensee may terminate the employment of a presiding or associate judge hired under this section only with the consent of the commission.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs. The amendment continues to allow persons licensed to conduct commercial and extended meets to hire their own judges from lists of judges who have been duly licensed by the Maine Harness Racing Commission. For all other racing meets, the amendment requires that the commission appoint judges and associate judges licensed by the commission.