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House of Representatives, January 5, 2022

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

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

*Robert 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3       §15, is repealed.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.