

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1449

House of Representatives, January 26, 2022

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

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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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.