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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Pull Events Commission

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAY of Palmyra.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §98, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to
3 read:

4 **1. Membership.** The Pull Events Commission consists of 9 ~~5~~ members:

5 A. ~~Two members~~ One member appointed by a statewide association representing
6 owners of draft horses ~~and oxen~~ who participate in pulling events;

7 B. One member appointed by an association representing owners of oxen who
8 participate in pulling events;

9 ~~C. One member appointed by an association representing owners of ponies who~~
10 ~~participate in pulling events;~~

11 D. One fair superintendent appointed by a state association of agricultural fairs;

12 ~~E. One representative appointed by state humane organizations;~~

13 F. One member, appointed by the commissioner, representing the general public; and

14 ~~G. One member, appointed by the commissioner, representing the animal pulling~~
15 ~~industry; and~~

16 H. One member appointed by the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

17 **Sec. 2. Transition.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section
18 98, subsection 1, a member serving on the Pull Events Commission on the effective date
19 of this Act may continue to serve until the expiration of the term to which the member
20 was appointed, until the member vacates the office or until the member is removed for
21 cause, whichever occurs first.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill reduces the number of Pull Events Commission members from 9 members
24 to 5 members.