

**STATE OF MAINE  
HARNESS RACING COMMISSION**

<b>IN RE: MIDCOAST OTB, INC.</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC REVOCATION OF LICENSE PURSUANT TO 8 M.R.S. § 275-D(11)</b>
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The Maine State Harness Racing Commission (“the Commission”) hereby notifies Midcoast OTB, Inc. that its license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting (“OTB”) facility was automatically revoked on May 15, 2023, pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 275-D(11).

**FACTS**

1. On October 14, 2022, Midcoast OTB, Inc., doing business as Winners OTB (“Midcoast”), submitted to the Commission a renewal application for a license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at an OTB facility located at 20 Farley Road in Brunswick for calendar year 2023 (“the Application”)<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Application listed Gary A. Sagris as the President of Midcoast and the owner of 100% of Midcoast’s shares.
3. Mr. Sagris signed the Application affirming the truth and accuracy of the information contained in the Application.
4. On November 15, 2022, the Commission held a hearing and took testimony and other evidence regarding the Application. On December 20, 2022, the Commission issued a Decision and Order<sup>2</sup> granting Midcoast a license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at its OTB facility for calendar year 2023.
5. On May 15, 2023, Mr. Sagris died.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment 1.

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment 2.

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment 3.

**APPLICABLE LAW**

1. Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 275-D(11), a corporation’s license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at an OTB facility “is automatically revoked, subject to Title 5, chapter 375, upon the change in ownership, legal or equitable, of 50% or more of the voting stock of the corporation and the corporation may not conduct off-track betting without a new license.”

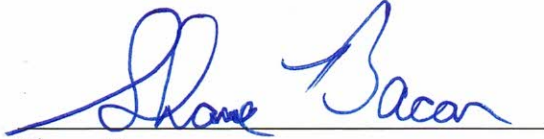
**EFFECT OF LAW**

1. Upon Mr. Sagris’s death on May 15, 2023, his shares in Midcoast passed to his estate. Because Mr. Sagris owned 100% of the shares in Midcoast, this transfer of shares amounts to a change of ownership of 50% or more of its voting stock.
2. Midcoast’s license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at an OTB facility was automatically revoked on May 15, 2023, pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 275-D(11).
3. Because Midcoast’s license was automatically revoked on May 15, 2023, no pari-mutuel wagering may be conducted at the facility without a new license.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING**

If Midcoast contests the automatic revocation of its license, it has the responsibility, pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 9053(1), to request a hearing by submitting written notice to Shane Bacon at: Maine State Harness Racing Commission, 28 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0028 or by email to [shane.bacon@maine.gov](mailto:shane.bacon@maine.gov) by Monday, June 5, 2023. Midcoast waives its right to a hearing if it does not request a hearing by that date.

DATED: May 26, 2023

  
Shane Bacon  
Executive Director  
Maine State Harness Racing Commission