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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶N**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

N. Taste-testing activities by agency liquor stores that are full-service grocery stores offering a wide variety of sundries and food and beverage items for sale, do not showcase alcoholic beverages as the primary product offered for sale and are at least 20,000 square feet in retail space must be conducted in a specific location in the store, to be approved by the bureau, that, within reason, would best afford customers of the store the choice to avoid interaction with the taste-testing activities.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

L. Taste-testing activities by retail licensees that are full-service grocery stores offering a wide variety of sundries and food and beverage items for sale, do not showcase alcoholic beverages as the primary product offered for sale and are at least 20,000 square feet in retail space must be conducted in a specific location in the store, designated by the retail licensee and approved by the bureau, that, within reason, would best afford customers of the store the choice to avoid interaction with the taste-testing activities.

**Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

L. Taste-testing activities by retail licensees that are full-service grocery stores offering a wide variety of sundries and food and beverage items for sale, do not showcase alcoholic beverages as the primary product offered for sale and are at least 20,000 square feet in retail space must be conducted in a specific location in the store, designated by the retail licensee and approved by the bureau, that, within reason, would best afford customers of the store the choice to avoid interaction with the taste-testing activities.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. The amendment, like the bill, strikes the provision in current law that requires that alcoholic beverage taste-testing events be conducted in a manner that precludes the possibility of observation by children. The amendment provides that taste-testing events for larger stores must be located to best afford customers the choice to avoid interaction with the taste-testing event.