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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Create a Consolidated Liquor License and Amend the Laws Governing Agency Liquor Stores'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453-A, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Exception.** Notwithstanding section 453, subsection 2#C, paragraph A, the bureau may issue an agency liquor store license to an applicant that has not held a license to sell malt liquor and wine for off-premises consumption for one year if the applicant is a branch of a chain retailer of which one or more locations has held a license to sell spirits without violating the provisions of this Title and the applicant, if licensed, will enhance the revenue to the State from the sale of spirits.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §1010#A in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$900" and inserting the following: '\$700. The license may be prorated'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the sections of the bill that remove limits on the number of agency liquor stores established under state law and allow municipalities to set a limit on the number of agency liquor stores. The amendment provides that an applicant for an agency liquor store license that is a branch of a chain retailer that has held agency liquor store licenses without violation is not subject to the requirement that the applicant be licensed to sell beer and wine for one year prior to being eligible for an agency liquor store license. The amendment reduces the fee for the Class VIII license established by the bill from \$900 to \$700 and provides that the fee may be prorated.