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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph E in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out all of the following: "notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary" and inserting the following: 'unless the legislative body of a municipality votes to restrict the sale of liquor from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. at establishments licensed for on-premises consumption within the municipality and the municipality notifies the bureau of the restriction within 30 days of adoption'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in paragraph A-1 in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 9 to 10 in L.D.) by striking out all of the following: "notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary" and inserting the following: 'unless the legislative body of a municipality votes to restrict the sale of liquor from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. at establishments licensed for on-premises consumption within the municipality and the municipality notifies the bureau of the restriction within 30 days of adoption'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. Under the bill, on-premises licensees are permitted to sell liquor until 2 a.m. regardless of any local option decisions to the contrary. The amendment provides that a municipality may prohibit sales after 1 a.m. if the legislative body of the municipality votes for the restriction and notifies the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations of that decision.