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House of Representatives, March 5, 2019

**An Act Regarding the Number of Agency Liquor Store Licenses
Permitted in a Municipality**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop.
Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and
Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, COLLINGS of Portland, FARNSWORTH of
Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford, JORGENSEN of Portland, MOONEN of Portland,
TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c.
3 494, Pt. A, §31, is amended to read:

4 **2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores.** ~~Beginning July 1, 2009, the~~
5 The bureau may license up to 11 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population
6 over 60,000; up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over
7 45,000 but less than 60,001; up to 9 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a
8 population over 30,000 but less than 45,001; up to 8 agency liquor stores in a
9 municipality with a population over 20,000 but less than 30,001; up to 5 agency liquor
10 stores in a municipality with a population of at least 10,001 but less than 20,001; up to 4
11 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than
12 10,001; up to 3 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000
13 but less than 5,001; and one agency liquor store in a municipality ~~where the~~ with a
14 population is less than 2,000. The bureau may issue one additional agency liquor store
15 license beyond those otherwise authorized by this subsection in a municipality with a
16 population of less than 10,000. The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal
17 population or tourism and other related information provided by the municipality
18 requesting an additional agency liquor store license.

19 Nothing in this subsection may be construed to reduce the number of agency liquor stores
20 the bureau may license in a municipality as of June 30, 2009.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of
23 Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license up to 11 agency liquor stores in a
24 municipality with a population over 60,000. Under current law, the maximum number of
25 agency liquor stores that may be licensed in a municipality with a population over 45,000
26 is 10.