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In Senate, March 7, 2013

An Act To Facilitate the Expansion of the State's Liquor Distribution System

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland and
Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: CHIPMAN of
Portland, MOONEN of Portland.

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 amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. JJJJ,
3 §1, is further amended to read:

4 **2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores.** Beginning July 1, 2009, the
5 bureau may license up to 12 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over
6 45,000; up to 8 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 20,000 but
7 less than 45,001; up to 5 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at
8 least 10,001 but less than 20,001; up to 4 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a
9 population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001; and up to 3 agency liquor stores in a
10 municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but less than 5,001. In addition, the
11 bureau may establish one agency liquor store in a municipality where the population is
12 less than 2,000. The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism
13 and other related information provided by the municipality requesting an additional
14 agency liquor store location.

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill authorizes the licensing of 12 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a
19 population over 45,000 to provide larger municipalities with more equitable access to
20 agency liquor stores.