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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 801, L.D. 1078, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Number of Agency Liquor Store Licenses Permitted in a Municipality"

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

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

1-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores. The bureau may license up to:

- A. Eleven agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 60,000;
B. Ten agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 45,000 but less than 60,001;
C. Nine agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 30,000 but less than 45,001;
D. Eight agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 20,000 but less than 30,001;
E. Seven agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 15,000 but less than 20,001;
F. Six agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 10,000 but less than 15,001;
G. Four agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001;
H. Three agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but less than 5,001; and
I. One agency liquor store in a municipality with a population less than 2,000.

The bureau may issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those otherwise authorized by this subsection in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000. The

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1 bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other related
2 information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store
3 license.

4 This subsection may not be construed to reduce the number of agency liquor stores the
5 bureau may license in a municipality as of June 30, 2009.

6 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c.
7 494, Pt. A, §31, is repealed.'

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

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment restructures for clarity current law
12 limiting the number of agency liquor stores. Substantively, the amendment allows the
13 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages
14 and Lottery Operations to:

15 1. License up to 11 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over
16 60,000. Under current law, the maximum number of agency liquor stores that may be
17 licensed in a municipality with a population over 45,000 is 10; and

18 2. License up to 7 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over
19 15,000 but less than 20,001 and 6 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population
20 over 10,000 but less than 15,001. Currently, 5 agency liquor stores are allowed in a
21 municipality with a population over 10,000 but less than 20,001.