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STATE OF MAINE SENTATE 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-296)

SENATE AMENDMENT"C"to H.P. 1540, L. D. 1655, Bill,
"AN ACT Promoting Alcoholism Prevention, Education, Treatment
and Research."

Amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "§474." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'l. Spirits and fortified wines. In addition to any other tax or charge imposed under state or federal law, all spirits and wines sold by the commission shall be sold at a price, to be determined by the commission which will yield premiums equal to 10% of the net revenue, deposited to the credit of the General Fund pursuant to section 451 during fiscal year 1981.'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "§474." in subsection 2 by striking out all of the first 2 sentences and inserting in their place the following:

'In addition to any other tax or charge imposed under state or federal law, each month any person required to pay moneys to the commission pursuant to section 452 shall, in addition thereto, forward to the commission moneys equal to 10% of the amount owed to the State pursuant to section 452.'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "§474." by striking out all of subsection 3 and renumbering subsection 4 to be subsection 3.

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the manner in which revenues are raised to fund the alcoholism programs as outlined in section 471. This amendment also is more equitable to the retail store owners who sell malt beverages and table wines.

The dual accounting system that would be necessary under section 474, subsection 3, will be eliminated by the adoption of this amendment.

The revenues to be created under this amendment would amount to approximately \$2,100,000 in 1981-82 and \$2,800,000 in 1982-83.

Sen. Pr

COUNTY: Penobscot

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