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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1323, L.D. 1883, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Liquor Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§16-A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 462, §2, is further amended to read:

**16-A. Low-alcohol spirits product.** "Low-alcohol spirits product" means a product containing spirits that has an alcohol content of less-than 6% or less by volume.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 8. 28-A MRSA §1651, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c. 181, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

**2. Special pricing situations.** The ~~commission~~ alcohol bureau may set prices at different levels than those established by the commission in the following special situations.

C. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, with approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, the ~~commission~~ alcohol bureau may reduce the price of discontinued items of liquor. The reduced price may not be less than the actual cost of the discontinued liquor items.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

2 E. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section,  
the ~~commission~~ alcohol bureau may establish special prices  
4 on certain listed liquor items to be made available to the  
consumer at all state and agency stores. ~~These--special~~  
6 ~~prices--must--not--be--lower--than--the--price--established--for--the~~  
~~same--listed--item--at--the--2--discount--state--liquor--stores~~  
~~authorized--under--section--403.~~

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10 F. Spirits sold under section 606 may be sold at prices  
established under section 606.

12 G. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section,  
the ~~commission~~ alcohol bureau may reduce, at the expense of  
14 the broker or supplier, the price of those test-market items  
that fail to meet set minimum gross profit standards after a  
16 3-month period.'

18 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
20 consecutively.

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24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment amends the definition of "low-alcohol spirits  
product" to mean a product containing spirits that has an alcohol  
content of 6% or less by volume. Current law defines a  
28 low-alcohol spirits product as a product containing spirits that  
has an alcohol content of less than 6% by volume.

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32 The amendment also adds language to the bill to clarify that  
the State Liquor and Lottery Commission establishes the prices of  
spirits sold in the State. It also removes a reference to state  
34 discount liquor stores that were authorized by a section of law  
that has since been repealed.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



Approved: 03/17/06 *mac*

# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1883

LR 2953(04)

**An Act To Clarify the Liquor Laws**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'B'**

**Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund