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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1101, L.D. 1397, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Retail Sale of Dessert Wine."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 14 and
inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 14. 28 MRSA §452, as last amended by PL 1969,
c. 360, §15, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd
paragraph a new paragraph to read:

There shall be levied and imposed an excise tax of
45¢ per gallon, or fraction or multiple thereof, on all dessert
wine containing more than 14% alcohol by volume imported into
this State, except the excise tax shall be 30¢ per gallon, or
fraction or multiple thereof, on all dessert wine containing
more than 14% alcohol by volume which is manufactured or
bottled in this State.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 27
and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 27. 28 MRSA §701, 2nd ¶, 4th, 5th and 6th lines
from the end, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 360, §23, are amended
to read:

Retail store--Table wine only and dessert wine

If merchandise is groceries only.....\$200

If other stock of merchandise.....\$300'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 35.

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to compensate for the loss of revenues incurred by the bill. By levying excise taxes on dessert wines, there will be no loss of revenues to the State.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Liquor Control.

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