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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-939)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1892, L.D. 2072, Bill, "AN ACT to Permit a Manufacturer of Alcoholic Beverages to be a Stockholder in a Corporation which is a Licensee."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all of the last paragraph before the Emergency clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §304, 3rd sentence, as amended by PL 1969, c. 360, §12, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

No Maine retail liquor licensee shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in more than one Maine manufacturer's license issued to an out-of-state manufacturer of malt liquor or table wine; and no out-of-state manufacturer or foreign wholesaler having a state certificate of approval shall have any interest, director or indirect, in any state retail liquor license; and no state manufacturing licensee shall have an interest, direct or indirect in more than one retail liquor license.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to restrict the vertical integration of firms involved in alcoholic beverages. This amendment would allow manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to have an interest in one licensed retail premise, but would deny wholesalers of alcoholic beverages such a privilege. Wholesalers of alcoholic beverages, of which there are 29, provide

service to licensees throughout the State and could exert more influence on the retail market than the 2 manufacturers of alcoholic beverages in the State.

Filed by Mr. Pierce of Waterville.

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