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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1355, L.D. 1791,
Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Markup Percentage for
Maine Produced Products Under the Liquor Law."

Amend the Bill in the 2nd sentence after the
amending clause in the 6th line (page 2, line 7 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "72%" and in-
serting in its place the following: "73%"

Further amend the Bill in the 2nd sentence after
the amending clause in the 7th line (page 2, line 8
in L.D.) by striking out the following: "69%" and in-
serting in its place the following: "71%"

Further amend the Bill in the 2nd sentence after
the amending clause in the 8th line (page 2, line 9
in L.D.) by striking out the following: "65%" and in-
serting in its place the following: "69%"

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to restore the
competitive position of the Maine liquor manufactur-
ers by reducing the percentage markup by the State
Liquor Commission from 75% to 69% rather than 75% to
65% as provided in the enacted bill, phased in over a
3-year period. This competitive position was harmed
unintentionally by the enactment of legislation al-
lowing the warehousing of liquor in Maine. By ware-
housing liquor in Maine, out-of-state competitors of
Maine liquor manufacturers can lower the amount their
product is marked by the commission and thereby sell
their product at a lower price. Further, this bill
allows the State to better compete for the jobs at-
tendant to liquor manufacturing. The State of New
Hampshire, for example, offers domestic liquor manu-

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1 facturers a significantly lower markup than that
2 which is applicable to out-of-state manufacturers who
3 sell in New Hampshire.

4 This amendment also reduces the estimated revenue
5 loss from \$252,000 to \$126,000.

Filed by Rep. Handy of Lewiston
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