

L.D. 1198

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STATE OF MAINE 3 4 SENATE 5 112TH LEGISLATURE 6 FIRST REGULAR SESSION 7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 431, L.D. 1198, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Alcohol-related Birth 8 Defects." 9 10 Amend the bill by striking out all of that part designated "§157." and inserting in its place the 11 12 following: 13 '§157. Fetal alcohol syndrome; fetal alcohol ef-14 fects; alcohol-related birth defects Legislative findings. The Legislature finds 15 that there is a need for public information about the 16 harmful effects of alcohol consumption during preg-nancy. "Fetal alcohol syndrome" and "fetal alcohol effects" are the terms used to characterize defects 17 18 19 20 or conditions that may develop as a result of exposing the fetus to alcohol. Each year infants born in 21 22 this State exhibit these defects or conditions which include hyperactivity, joint and limb malfunctions, 23 24 delayed central nervous system development, kidney, cardiac and growth abnormalities and severe mental 25 26 and physical retardation. 27 It is generally known that the American Medical Asso-28 ciation and the United States Surgeon General have 29 recommended abstinence from alcohol during pregnancy. 30 Fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects are 100% preventable. The Legislature finds that it is in 31 the public interest to notify and educate the public about alcohol-related birth defects at places where alcoholic beverages are sold. 32 33 34 35 2. Sign required. All special agency liquor stores licensed under section 153 and all state li-36 37 quor stores shall be required to display a warning 38 sign concerning alcohol-related birth defects. The

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1	sign shall bear the message "DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEV-
2	ERAGES DURING PREGNANCY MAY CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS,"
3	and, in smaller print, a telephone number where more
4	information may be obtained. The sign shall be sup-
5	plied by the Alcohol Drug Abuse Planning Committee
6	and Department of Human Services. The Bureau of Li-
7	quor Enforcement shall be responsible for distribu-
8	tion of the sign to the special agency liquor stores
9	and state liquor stores.

10 3. Sign dimensions. The sign shall be of block 11 capital letters printed in black on white paper, min-12 imum weight 110-pound index. The letters shall con-13 sume a space of no less than 6 by 9 inches. the 14 "WARNING" letters shall be 3/4-inch high and all oth-15 er letters 9/16-inches high. The sign and letters may 16 be larger, but not smaller, than provided in this 17 section.

18 <u>4. Sign placement. A sign shall be placed at</u> <u>each area where liquor is displayed so that it is</u> <u>readily visible to the purchasing public. Nothing in</u> <u>this section may prevent display of more than one</u> <u>sign or in locations in addition to those described</u> <u>in this section.</u>

24 5. Enforcement; penalty. The Bureau of Liquor 25 Enforcement shall, as part of it's regular enforcement duties, check for the display of the sign re-quired by subsections 2, 3 and 4. The bureau shall respond to reports of noncompliance. The Administra-26 27 28 29 tive Court may impose a fine, not to exceed \$100 for each day of violation, against any special agency li-quor store licensee licensed to sell alcoholic bever-ages under section 153 which is found in violation of 30 31 32 this section. Repeated violations may be grounds for revocation or suspension of license of special agency 33 34 35 stores.

36	6. Voluntary	display of signs.	In addition to
37	the requirements	of subsections 2,	3 and 4, the fol-
38	lowing shall gover	n the voluntary p	lacement of signs.

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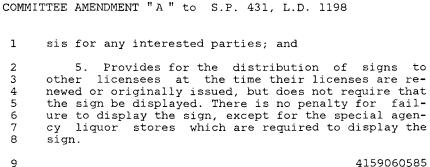
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1	A. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee
2	shall, upon request, make the signs available, to
3	the extent of the available resources, at no
4	cost, to all persons or agencies interested in
5	displaying the signs at appropriate public loca-
6	tions.
7	B. The Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages shall dis-
8	tribute copies of the signs, at no cost, to all
9	other liquor licensees not included in subsection
10	2 at the time that each license is issued or re-
11	newed.
12	C. Each sign distributed pursuant to this sub-
13	section shall be accompanied by a copy of the
14	legislative findings and a request that the
15	signs, if displayed, be placed in a location or
16	locations that are readily visible to the public.
17	D. Subsection 5 does not apply to signs re-
18	quested or distributed pursuant to this subsec-
19	tion.
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23	findings;
24	2. Amends the bill to make it clear that the
25	warning signs are only required to be placed in spe-
26	cial agency liquor stores and state liquor stores,

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