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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 234, L.D. 625, Bill, "An Act to Require Establishments That Sell Alcohol to Post Health Messages Concerning the Misuse of Alcohol"

Amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause by inserting at the beginning the following: 'Sec.1.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§608." in subsection 1 in the first paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alcoholic beverages under this chapter are required to" and inserting in its place the following: 'liquor under this Part, agency liquor stores licensed under chapter 19 and state liquor stores shall'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§608." in subsection 1 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "WARNING" the following: ', the toll-free telephone number for the Maine Alcohol and Drug Abuse Clearinghouse'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§608." in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last 2 sentences (page 1, lines 32 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following: 'The "WARNING" letters must be 3/8 inches high and all other letters must be 1/4 inches high.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§608." in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraphs A to C (page 1, lines 40 to 48 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'A. In any retail store with a Class VI or Class VII license and in any agency liquor store, a sign must be posted in each section of the store that liquor is displayed, including a sign over the malt liquor section, a sign over the wine section and a sign over the spirits section.'

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2 B. In any state liquor store, a sign must be posted at each
3 cash register.

4 C. In any establishment licensed to serve liquor on the
5 premises, a sign must be displayed below the establishment's
6 liquor license.'

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8 Further amend the bill in that part designated "\$608." in
9 subsection 5 by striking out all of the last 2 sentences (page 2,
10 lines 17 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the
11 following: 'A person who violates this section for the first
12 time must be issued a warning only. A person who violates this
13 section for a 2nd or subsequent time commits a civil violation
14 for which a forfeiture of not less than \$50 or more than \$200
15 must be adjudged by the Administrative Court.'

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17 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
18 statement of fact the following:

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20 'Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from
21 the Alcoholic Beverages Fund to carry out the purposes of this
22 Act.

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FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF

Alcoholic Beverages - General
Operations

All Other	\$1,120	\$375
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Provides funding to cover
postage costs related to the
distribution of signs to
licensees.

FISCAL NOTE

The Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages will require additional
allocations from the Alcoholic Beverages Fund of \$1,120 and \$375
in fiscal year 1991-92 and fiscal year 1992-93, respectively, for
distributing the signs. These allocations translate into equal
losses of General Fund revenue.

Enforcement costs, printing costs and additional court
filing costs will be absorbed within existing resources of the
Department of Public Safety, the Office of Substance Abuse and
the Judicial Department, respectively.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment corrects references in the bill to make them consistent with existing statutory definitions, adds the State's toll-free substance abuse clearinghouse number to the required signs, clarifies where the signs must be posted and reduces the penalty provided in the bill.

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The amendment also adds an allocation section and fiscal note to the bill.

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Reported by the Majority for the Committee on Human Resources.
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