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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 687, L.D. 1828, Bill, "An Act Concerning Room Requirements for Hotels under the Liquor Licensing Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 139, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The number of rooms required is based on the population of the municipality in which the hotel is located, as reported in the 1960 federal decennial census. If the population reported in the most recent federal decennial census is at least 20% less than the population reported in the 1960 census, the most recent federal decennial census must be used to determine the number of rooms required.

(1) If the hotel is located in a municipality having a population of 7,500 or less, the hotel must have at least 12 adequate sleeping rooms.

(2) If the hotel is located in a municipality having a population of more than 7,500, the hotel must have at least 30 adequate sleeping rooms.

FISCAL NOTE

| | 1991-92 | 1992-93 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| REVENUES | | |
| General Fund | (\$4,400) | (\$4,400) |

The change in the room requirements for hotels under the liquor licensing laws will allow an estimated 4 hotels to qualify for less expensive licenses. The resulting reduction in license

2 fee revenue will decrease General Fund revenue by \$4,400 annually
3 beginning in fiscal year 1991-92.'

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5 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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7 The bill relates to the number of rooms a hotel must have to
8 qualify for a liquor license. The number required depends on the
9 population of the municipality in which the hotel is located.
10 The amendment divides municipalities into 2 categories based on
11 population, instead of 3 categories as provided in current law
12 and the bill. The amendment requires the same number of rooms as
13 current law for municipalities under 3,000 population and over
14 7,500 population, but reduces the number of rooms required for
15 municipalities with population between 3,000 and 7,500. The
16 amendment also provides that population is determined by
17 reference to the 1960 federal census, unless the municipality has
18 experienced a substantial drop in population since 1960. In that
19 event, the population figures are taken from the most recent
20 federal decennial census.

Reported by Senator Mills for the Committee on Legal Affairs.
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