

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Submitted by the Department of Finance pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Sabattus.
Cosponsored by Representative KUTASI of Bridgton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act Concerning the Renewal of Agency Liquor Store Licenses.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

28-A MRSA §458 is enacted to read:

§458. Renewal of agency liquor store license; selection of alternate licensee

1. Application by store. The holder of an agency liquor store license shall annually apply for forms prepared by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages to the commission for renewal of that license.

2. Review by commission. In reviewing applications for renewal submitted under subsection 1, the commission shall consider the following criteria:

A. The applicant's sales and inventory of liquor;

B. The applicant's sales and inventory of groceries and related items;

C. Any changes in the location of or renovations to the applicant's premises;

D. Any customer complaints of poor service against the applicant's store;

E. Any violations of liquor laws by the applicant; and

F. Records of any bad checks rendered to the commission.

3. Rejection of application; selection of alternate licensee. If the commission denies an application for renewal of an agency liquor store license, the commission may select an alternate licensee in accordance with the criteria set forth in section 453. If the alternate licensee held an agency liquor store license in the past, the commission may consider any of the applicable criteria set forth in subsection 2 in considering whether to license the alternate agency liquor store.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires holders of agency liquor store licenses to annually apply for renewal of those licenses. This bill specifies criteria for the State Liquor Commission to use in reviewing applications for renewal and authorizes the commission upon denial of an application for renewal to select an alternate licensee.