

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1670, L.D. 2346, Bill, "An Act to Restore Control and Stability to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages"

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation repeals authority of the State Liquor Commission to close state liquor stores and replace them with agency liquor stores; and

Whereas, the State Liquor Commission is currently taking action to close state liquor stores and replace them with agency liquor stores; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. A, §6 is amended to read:

Sec. A-6. Allocation; State Liquor Commission. In order to provide for the necessary expenses of operation and administration of the Department of Finance, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and the State Liquor Commission, the following amounts, or as much as may be necessary, are allocated from the revenues derived from operations of the State Alcoholic Beverages Fund.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2		1991-92
4	FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF	
6	Alcoholic Beverages - General	
8	Operation	
10	All Other	(115,821) <u>(100,000)</u>
12	Provides for the deallocation of funds	
14	through the closing of state liquor stores	
16	and reduced data processing costs.	
18	Approximately 21 state liquor stores will be	
20	closed on or before May 17, 1992.	
22	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
24	TOTAL	<u>(115,821)</u> <u>(100,000)</u>
26	TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	
28	SECTION A-6	<u>(115,821)</u> <u>(100,000)</u>

26 **Sec. 2. PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. K, §§12 and 13** are repealed.

28 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
 30 State Alcoholic Beverages Fund to carry out the purposes of this
 Act.

32		1992-93
34	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL	
36	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
38	Alcoholic Beverages - General	
40	Operations	
42	Positions	(22.0)
44	Personal Services	\$734,203
46	All Other	341,432
48	Provides funds for the restoration of 16	
	Store Manager positions, 4 Assistant Store	
	Manager positions and 2 Retail Store Clerk	
	positions as the result of the repeal of the	
	authority to close 21 state liquor stores.	

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
TOTAL

\$1,075,635

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

FISCAL NOTE

	1991-92	1992-93
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
Other Funds	\$15,821	\$1,075,635
REVENUES		
General Fund	(\$688,574)	(\$655,305)

This bill will reduce General Fund revenue by \$688,574 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$655,305 in fiscal year 1992-93 from the repeal of the authority to close 21 state liquor stores. Allocations from the Alcoholic Beverages Fund will be increased by \$15,821 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$1,075,635 in fiscal year 1992-93.

Allocations and subsequent revenue effects in fiscal year 1992-93 may require adjustment depending on final legislative actions on the Governor's supplemental budget bill, LD 2185.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Public Law 1991, chapter 622 authorized the State Liquor Commission to close 21 state liquor stores by April 30, 1992 and replace them with agency liquor stores. The bill reduced the number of authorized store closings to 13; the amendment repeals all authority to close state stores. The amendment also deletes a provision of the bill requiring the State Liquor Commission to submit a report on the operation of the state and agency liquor store system to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs by March 1, 1992. The amendment deletes provisions repealing authority to merge the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and the Bureau of the Lottery. Finally, the amendment adds an allocation section and a fiscal note.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs
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