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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOURDE of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Representative TAMMARO of Baileyville, Representative STEVENS of Sabattus and Senator MILLS of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Restore Control and Stability to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
2	Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. A, §6 is amended to read:	
4	Sec. A-6. Allocation; State Liquor Commission. In	order to
6	provide for the necessary expenses of operation administration of the Department of Finance, Bureau of	tion and .
8	Beverages and the State Liquor Commission, the following or as much as may be necessary, are allocated from the	g amounts,
10	derived from operations of the State Alcoholic Beverages	
12		1991-92
14	FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF	
16	Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation	
18	All Other	(115,821)
20		(107,911)
22	Provides for the deallocation of funds through the closing of state liquor stores	
24	and reduced data processing costs. Approximately 21 <u>13</u> state liquor stores will	
26	be closed on or before May 1, 1992.	
28	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TOTAL	(115,821)
30		(107,911)
32	TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	
34	SECTION A-6	(115,821) <u>(107,911)</u>
36	Sec. 2. PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. K, §12 is amended to read:	
38	Sec. K-12. State liquor store closure; agency lic replacements. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statut	
40	28-A, section 401-A, the State Liquor Commission shall state liquor stores by April 30, 1992. The 16 8 store	close 1 6 <u>8</u>
42	among those whose operating costs as a percentage of fiscal year 1990-91 exceeded 13%. The State Liquor	sales for
44	may close an additional 5 state liquor stores by April determined at the discretion of the commission. The St	30, 1992,
46	Commission shall solicit bids for agency liquor stores all state liquor stores closed after July 1, 1990 in	to replace
48	with Title 28-A, sections 453 and 453-A.	

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Page 1-LR3724(1) L.D.2346 Sec. 3. PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. K, §13 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 <u>Sec. K-13. State Liquor Commission recommendations.</u> The State Liquor Commission and the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic 6 <u>Beverages shall submit recommendations to the Joint Standing</u> <u>Committee on Legal Affairs by March 1, 1992 regarding operation</u> 8 <u>of the state and agency liquor store system including appropriate</u> <u>funding levels, identification of legitimate cost savings and</u> 10 <u>maintenance of revenue.</u>

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Sec. 4. PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. K, §§14 and 15 are repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the mandatory closing of state liquor stores in this fiscal year from 16 to 8 and directs the Bureau of 18 Alcoholic Beverages to report by March 1, 1992 to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on a plan that restores 20 stability to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and maintains 22 appropriate General Fund revenue levels. The bill also deletes provisions that authorize the merger of the Bureau of Alcoholic 24 Beverages and the Bureau of the Lottery and that authorize a agreement for the acquisition, financing construction or 26 renovation of office space for that merger.