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No. 245

S.P. 91

In Senate, February 2, 1993

An Act Regarding the Purchase of Spirits at State Liquor Stores.

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

4 Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §352, sub-§1, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 791, §1, is amended to read:

6 B. A person, ~~ether-than~~ including a licensee, buying liquor at a state liquor store must pay in cash or by major credit card.

10 Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §352, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 791, §1, is repealed.

12 Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §352, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 791, §1, is amended to read:

16 D. In addition to the methods of payment permitted in paragraph C B, an agency liquor store or licensee may pay for liquor purchased from the commission within 10 days if the agent or licensee has deposited cash in escrow with the commission to cover those purchases.

22 Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §352, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 791, §1, is amended to read:

24 2. **Checks not honored on presentation; consequences.** If any check is not honored on presentation or if an agency liquor store or a licensee fails to pay for liquor in the allotted 10-day period, the commission shall withhold any license not issued or immediately take back the license if already issued, voiding that license until such time as the check or invoice is paid in full, together with the cost of the check failure or collection procedure. The commission may order that person to make all payments to the commission by cash, certified check or money order for a period not to exceed one year.

36 Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §608 is enacted to read:

38 **§608. Delivery of liquor by state liquor stores**

40 State liquor stores may deliver liquor to establishments that are licensed to serve liquor on premises.

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 This bill permits retail liquor licensees to purchase liquor from state liquor stores using the same payment terms currently afforded agency liquor stores. The bill also permits state liquor stores to deliver liquor to establishments that are licensed for the sale of liquor on premises.