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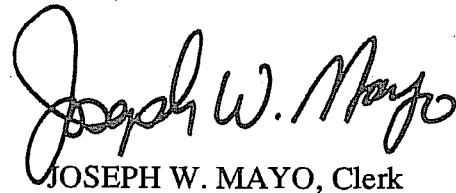
No. 512

H.P. 399

House of Representatives, February 16, 1993

An Act to Centralize Licensing for Retail Businesses.

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative HOGLUND of Portland, Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland and
Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, CLOUTIER of South Portland, COFFMAN of Old Town,
DÖRE of Auburn, JOY of Island Falls, LEMONT of Kittery, LINDAHL of Northport,
MARSHALL of Eliot, NORTON of Winthrop, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, WINN of Glenburn,
Senator: HANDY of Androscoggin.

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

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Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§2, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. Within the Division of Licensing and Enforcement the commissioner shall create the Central Licensing Office. The Central Licensing Office shall establish and administer a one-step licensing process for all retail businesses as follows:

(1) Create a consolidated license procedure that allows each business to check off on a cover sheet all state and municipal permits or licenses for which it is applying and receive all permit and license applications from the Central Licensing Office;

(2) Total all permit and license fees due from that business, collect these fees on a semiannual basis, 1/2 of the total fees to be due by January first and 1/2 of the total fees to be due by July first of each year, and distribute them to the appropriate funds or licensing entities;

(3) Forward a copy of the appropriate permit or license application to any commission, department, municipality or other agency that has responsibility for licensing or permitting that retail business;

(4) Coordinate and supervise the licensing process to ensure that all involved agencies process the applications and complete any necessary inspections in a timely fashion;

(5) Respond to inquiries from the business and requests for information from the individual licensing entities;

(6) With the approval of the municipal officers, appoint municipalities as central licensing agents to provide all licenses and inspections for retail businesses with less than 10,000 square feet of retail space, allowing these municipalities to retain 1/2 of all state permit and license fees collected, remitting the other 1/2 of these fees to the State;

(7) Provide, at state expense, licensing and inspection training to municipalities seeking appointment or appointed as central licensing agents; and

