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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 830, L.D. 1161, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Granting of Hotel Liquor Licenses to Establishments Located on Offshore Islands"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding the Granting of Hotel Liquor Licenses to Establishments'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1061, as amended by PL 1991, c. 824, Pt. D, §4, is further amended to read:

§1061. Hotels

1. Issuance of licenses. The commission bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale of spirits, wine and malt liquor to be consumed on the premises to hotels, as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph H.

2. Minors not permitted on premises. Except as provided in paragraphs A and paragraph B, no hotel licensee may permit any minor in any part of the hotel where the license privilege is exercised lounge that serves alcoholic beverages.

A. Minors may be permitted in public dining rooms and sleeping rooms.

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B. This subsection does not apply when:

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(1) The minor is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or custodian, as defined in Title 22, section 4002;

(2) The minor is employed under section 704; or

(3) The licensee does not permit consumption of liquor on the licensed premises.

3. **Income from sale of food requirement.** At least 10% of the gross annual income must be from the sale of food for each hotel.

4. **Required number of sleeping rooms.** Each hotel must be equipped with at least the required number of adequate sleeping rooms.

A. The number of rooms required is based on the population of the municipality in which the hotel is located, as reported in the 1960 Federal Decennial Census. If the population reported in the most recent Federal Decennial Census is at least 20% less than the population reported in the 1960 census, the most recent Federal Decennial Census must be used to determine the number of rooms required.

(1) If the hotel is located in a municipality having a population of 7,500 or less, the hotel must have at least 12 adequate sleeping rooms.

(2) If the hotel is located in a municipality having a population of more than 7,500, the hotel must have at least 30 adequate sleeping rooms.

If the hotel is located on an offshore island that is part of a mainland municipality, then the number of rooms required is based on the population of the island, rather than that of the municipality as a whole.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The collection of additional liquor licensing fees from certain establishments on offshore islands will result in insignificant increases of General Fund revenue.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment corrects existing language to conform with the 1993 statutory change that moved the responsibility of liquor licensure to the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement; clarifies that minors are excluded from hotel lounges that serve alcoholic beverages but not other function rooms; and keeps the original provision of the bill that bases the formula for granting a hotel liquor license on the population of the island, not the larger mainland municipality of which it is a part. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.