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House of Representatives, May 16, 1995

**Resolve, to Create an Advisory Commission to Review Long-term
Liquor Policies and Pricing.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FISHER of Brewer, NADEAU of
Saco, Senator: STEVENS of Androscoggin.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Advisory
Commission to Review Long-term Liquor Policies and Pricing,
4 referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established;
and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Members. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 6
members as follows: one Senator, appointed by the President of
8 the Senate; one Representative, appointed by the Speaker of the
House of Representatives; one member of the general public who is
10 a Maine resident, appointed by the Governor; one member of the
State Liquor Commission, appointed by the chair of the State
12 Liquor Commission; one member of the Maine Beer and Wine
Wholesalers Association, appointed by the Executive Director of
14 the Maine Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association; and one
representative of agency liquor stores, appointed by the Maine
16 Grocers Association; and be it further

18 **Sec. 3. Organizational meeting. Resolved:** That the commission
shall hold an organizational meeting, called by the Chair of the
20 Legislative Council, within 30 days of the effective date of this
resolve and shall elect from among the members a chair and a
22 vice-chair for the commission; and be it further

24 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall
investigate the issues of revenues lost to New Hampshire from the
26 sale of liquor and how the State may best recover those revenues
by considering areas, including, but not limited to, the
28 following:

- 30 1. Enforcement of liquor laws;
- 32 2. Discount state liquor stores;
- 34 3. Locations of liquor stores; and
- 36 4. Pricing.

38 The commission must conduct at least one public hearing
consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act; and be it
40 further

42 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall prepare a
report and proposed legislation as to how the State may best
44 recover revenues lost to New Hampshire from the sale of liquor.
This report and proposed legislation must be submitted to the
46 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
over matters involving alcohol by December 31, 1995; and be it
48 further

2 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Liquor
Commission shall provide research, clerical and computer
assistance to the commission; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
commission are not entitled to compensation; and be it further

8 **Sec. 8. Restriction. Resolved:** That until the commission
submits its final report and proposed legislation, the State
10 Liquor Commission may not authorize the establishment of any
discount state liquor stores.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This resolve creates an advisory commission to review
long-term liquor policies and pricing.