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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 277, L.D. 341, Bill, "An Act to Open a Discount State Liquor Store in Calais"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 2. Select commission established. The Select Commission to Study the Opening of a Discount State Liquor Store in Fort Kent, referred to in this section as the "select commission," is established. The select commission consists of 3 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and 7 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The first-named members appointed from each body are cochairs of the select commission. The select commission also consists of the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and 2 business people from Fort Kent, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House. The select commission shall explore the feasibility and benefits of locating a discount state liquor store in Fort Kent. The members of the select commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the select commission. The select commission may hold 4 meetings, one of which may be held in Fort Kent. All appointments to the select commission must be completed within 15 days after the effective date of this Act. The chairs shall convene the first meeting of the select commission within 30 days after the effective date of

1 this Act. The select commission may request staffing assistance
2 from the Legislative Council. The select commission shall submit
3 its report, along with any proposed legislation, to the First
4 Regular Session of the 119th Legislature by January 1, 1999.

6 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
7 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

8 **1998-99**

10 **LEGISLATURE**

12 **Select Commission to Study**
14 **the Opening of a Discount State**
16 **Liquor Store in Fort Kent**

18 Personal Services \$2,200
19 All Other 3,400

20 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
22 of the legislative members and other
23 miscellaneous expenses of the Select
24 Commission to Study the Opening of a
25 Discount State Liquor Store in Fort Kent.

26 **LEGISLATURE**
28 **TOTAL**

\$5,600'

30 **FISCAL NOTE**

32 **1998-99**

34 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

36 General Fund \$5,225
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40 The amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill by
41 \$5,225 in fiscal year 1998-99 by establishing a joint select
42 commission of the Legislature.

44 The additional costs associated with providing staff
45 assistance to the joint select commission can be absorbed by the
46 Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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L.D. 341

SUMMARY

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4 This amendment changes the makeup of the Joint Select
6 Commission to Study the Opening of a Discount State Liquor Store
8 in Fort Kent.

10 SPONSORED BY: Judy Paradis

12 (Senator PARADIS)

14 COUNTY: Aroostook