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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 832, L.D. 1137, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part L.

Further amend the amendment by inserting before the emergency clause the following:

PART XX

Sec. XX-1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§8-B is enacted to read:

8-B. Commission. "Commission" means the State Liquor and Lottery Commission.

Sec. XX-2. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§25-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 526, §§1 and 28, is amended to read:

25-A. Retail employee. "Retail employee" means any person employed by a retailer ~~or by the commission~~ to sell liquor in a licensed establishment or state in an agency liquor store. For the purposes of violations of this Title and rules of the ~~commission~~ bureau, a retail employee ~~shall be~~ is deemed an agent of the retailer or ~~state~~ agency liquor store that employs that employee.

Sec. XX-3. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§32, as amended by PL 1993, c. 462, §4, is repealed.

Sec. XX-4. 28-A MRSA §62, first ¶, as amended by PL 1993, c. 730, §15, is further amended to read:

The ~~State-Liquor-Commission~~ commission shall establish the policy and rules concerning the administration and operation of the state liquor stores operations. The commission has the following powers:

**Sec. XX-5. 28-A MRSA §62, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

**1. Supervision of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages.** To supervise and direct the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages relating to all phases of the merchandising of liquor through state ~~liquor-stores~~ operations and agency liquor stores;

**Sec. XX-6. 28-A MRSA §62, sub-§§5 and 6**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 730, §17, are amended to read:

**5. Spirits for sale.** To buy and have in its possession spirits for sale to ~~the--public~~ agency liquor stores. The commission shall buy spirits directly and not through the State Purchasing Agent. All spirits must be free from adulteration and misbranding; and

**6. Sell to agency liquor stores.** To sell ~~at--retail--in state-liquor-stores-in-original-packages,--either-over-the-counter er--by--shipment--to--points~~ to agency liquor stores for resale within the State, spirits of all kinds for consumption off the premises ~~at--state--liquor--stores--to--be--operated--under--the direction-of-the-commission.~~

**Sec. XX-7. 28-A MRSA §72-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 376, §49, is amended to read:

**2. Manage purchase of spirits and sale of alcoholic beverages.** Manage the purchase of spirits from holders of approval certificates and sale of alcoholic beverages through ~~state-operated-retail-stores,~~ agency liquor stores and licensees in accordance with applicable laws and rules;

**Sec. XX-8. 28-A MRSA §72-A, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §128, is further amended to read:

**9. Investigate and recommend changes.** Carry on a continuous study and investigation of the sale of alcoholic beverages throughout the State and the operation and administration of the ~~state-operated--retail--stores~~ state operations and recommend to the commission and the commissioner any changes in the laws or rules and methods of operation that are in the best interest of the State.

2           **Sec. XX-9. 28-A MRSA §123, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1991, c.  
95, §1, is further amended to read:

4           **2. Sale of liquor for consumption off the premises on days**  
**other than Sunday.** Shall this municipality authorize the State  
6           Liquor-Commission to permit the operation of ~~state-liquor-stores~~  
and agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday?

8           **Sec. XX-10. 28-A MRSA §123, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1991, c.  
10          95, §3, is further amended to read:

12          **4. Sale of liquor for consumption off the premises on**  
**Sundays.** Shall this municipality authorize the State Liquor  
14          Commission to permit the operation of ~~state-liquor-stores--and~~  
agency liquor stores on Sundays?

16          **Sec. XX-11. 28-A MRSA §201, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
18          45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

20                 In order to increase state revenues and to attract more of  
22                 the tourist trade to the state discount liquor store in Kittery,  
the Maine Turnpike Authority shall erect and maintain a guidepost  
24                 no more than one mile north of the York toll station on the  
southbound side of the Maine Turnpike. The guidepost shall must  
be worded as follows:

26                                 DISCOUNT LIQUOR STORE -- KITTEERY

28                                 YORK EXIT -- U.S. ROUTE 1 SOUTH

30          **Sec. XX-12. 28-A MRSA c. 15**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt.  
32          A, §4, is amended by repealing the chapter headnote and enacting  
the following in its place:

34   CHAPTER 15

36   AGENCY LIQUOR STORES

38          **Sec. XX-13. 28-A MRSA §351, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c.  
40          342, §20, is further amended to read:

42                 **1. Agency liquor store may not be located within 300 feet**  
**of school or church.** The ~~commission~~ bureau may not establish-a  
44                 ~~state-liquor-store-or~~ license an agency liquor store within 300  
feet of any public or private school, church, chapel or parish  
46                 house.

48                 A. The ~~commission~~ bureau, after holding a public hearing  
near the proposed location, may locate an agency liquor  
50                 store within 300 feet of a church, chapel, parish house or

~~post-secondary postsecondary school when the location has  
the unanimous approval of the members of the commission.~~

Sec. XX-14. 28-A MRSA §352, as amended by PL 1993, c. 615,  
§2, is further amended to read:

**§352. Purchase of liquor in agency liquor stores; purchase  
from commission**

1. **Methods of payment.** This subsection governs the methods  
of payment permitted for purchases of liquor from ~~state or~~ agency  
liquor stores and for purchases of liquor from the commission by  
agency liquor stores.

A. An agency liquor store may accept payment for liquor  
purchases by cash, check or major credit card.

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

C. A licensee buying liquor at a ~~state~~ an agency liquor  
store or from the commission must pay in cash ~~or~~ by check  
or other method approved by the commission.

D. In addition to the methods of payment permitted in  
paragraph C, an agency liquor store, when approved by the  
commission, may pay for liquor purchased from the commission  
by mailing a check for payment to the commission or by other  
method approved by the commission when notified of the  
amount due or upon receiving a liquor delivery. Payments  
that are mailed must be received or postmarked within 3 days  
of receipt of a liquor delivery or notification of the  
amount due.

2. **Checks not honored on presentation; consequences.** If  
any check is not honored on presentation or if an agency liquor  
store fails to pay for liquor as prescribed in subsection 1, the  
bureau 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 or bureau 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.

Sec. XX-15. 28-A MRSA §353, as amended by PL 1993, c. 266,  
§6, is further amended to read:

**§353. Business hours**

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~~State-liquor-stores-and-agency~~ Agency liquor stores may be open for the sale and delivery of liquor between the hours of 6 a.m. and 1 a.m. in municipalities and unincorporated places that have voted in favor of the operation of state agency liquor stores under local option provisions. Notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary, ~~state-liquor-stores-and~~ agency liquor stores may be open from noon Sunday to 1 a.m. the next day. ~~The-commission-shall-establish-the-hours-of-operation-of each-state-liquor-store.~~

**Sec. XX-16. 28-A MRSA §§354 and 355**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, are amended to read:

**§354. Sales to minors or intoxicated persons**

~~No-state-liquor-store-or~~ An agency liquor store may not sell liquor to a minor or to a visibly intoxicated person.

**§355. Closed in cases of riots; hurricanes; flood**

The Governor or the commission may, in cases of riots, hurricanes and floods, order any or all ~~state-liquor-stores-or~~ agency liquor stores to close.

**Sec. XX-17. 28-A MRSA c. 17**, as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. XX-18. 28-A MRSA c. 18** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 18**

**CLOSING STATE LIQUOR STORES**

**§411. State liquor stores closed**

1. Closing by August 31, 1997. The Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall take any action necessary to close all state liquor stores as expeditiously as possible with the goal of closing all state liquor stores by August 31, 1997.

2. Replacement of state liquor stores. The bureau may license up to 3 agency liquor stores within a 10-mile radius of each closed state liquor store except the state liquor store in Kittery. The bureau shall license one agency liquor store that must be located within a 10-mile radius of the closed state liquor store in Kittery. The issuance of an agency liquor store license and the operation of agency liquor stores licensed under this subsection are governed by chapter 19, except that, a license may not be issued to replace the closed state liquor

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2 store in Kittery unless the licensee is acceptable to the Bureau  
3 of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

4 3. Replacement of Kittery discount store. The commission  
5 shall contract with one agency liquor store licensee to replace  
6 the state discount liquor store in Kittery. The replacement  
7 agency liquor store must contract with the commission to sell  
8 state-owned consignment inventory of spirits and fortified wines  
9 at discount prices established by the commission. The contract  
10 must specify the conditions of operation of the store, which need  
11 not be the same as conditions applicable to other agency liquor  
12 stores.

14 4. Requirement of at least one replacement agency liquor  
15 store before closing. A state liquor store may not be closed  
16 unless at least one replacement agency liquor store with a  
17 federal wholesale registration has been licensed within 10 miles  
18 of the closed state liquor store or unless the Director of the  
19 Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations determines  
20 that reasonable alternative access is available to persons  
21 previously purchasing spirits from the closed state liquor store.

22 5. Law applicable to state liquor stores until sold. Until  
23 all state liquor stores are closed, the provisions of law  
24 applying to state liquor stores on January 1, 1997 continue to  
25 apply to the operation of the stores remaining open and the  
26 bureau and the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery  
27 Operations continue to have authority to act under those laws as  
28 if those laws were currently in effect.

30 **Sec. XX-19. 28-A MRSA §453, as amended by PL 1993, c. 380,**  
31 **§§1 to 5, and affected by §7, is further amended to read:**

32 **§453. Location of agency stores**

33 **1. Location requirements. The commission bureau may**  
34 **license an agency liquor store only when the following**  
35 **requirements are met.**

36 **A. The proposed agency liquor store is located in a**  
37 **municipality or unincorporated place which that has voted in**  
38 **favor of the operation of state liquor stores under local**  
39 **option provisions.**

40 ~~**C. The proposed agency liquor store is not within 3.5 miles**~~  
41 ~~**of an existing state liquor store or an existing agency**~~  
42 ~~**liquor store that was licensed before May 1, 1993.**~~

43 **D. If a state liquor store closes, the commission bureau**  
44 **may grant more than one agency liquor store license in a**

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municipality when the commission bureau considers it appropriate. ~~Agency-liquor-stores-licensed-before-May-1, 1993-that-replace-closed-state-liquor-stores-are-exempt-from-the-distance-requirement-in-paragraph-C.~~

~~2.---Replacement-of-state-or-agency-liquor-stores.---The commission-may-not-replace-a-state-or-existing-agency-liquor store-that-closes-with-an-agency-liquor-store-if-there-is-another state-or-existing-agency-liquor-store-within-3.5-miles.---This subsection-does-not-prevent-the-commission-from-locating-a replacement-agency-liquor-store-within-3.5-miles-of-another replacement-agency-liquor-store-for-the-same-town.~~

2-A. Replacement of state liquor stores closed in fiscal year 1991-92. The commission bureau may replace a state liquor store closed after July 1, 1990 with 3 agency liquor stores if:

A. The agency liquor stores are within a 10-mile radius of the location of the closed state liquor store; and

B. The commission bureau does not issue to a person or corporation more than 2 of the 3 licenses issued to replace a state liquor store. For purposes of this restriction, each partner of a partnership, each corporation that owns an interest in another corporation and each person who owns 20% or more of the shares or other interest in a corporation is deemed to own a license granted to the partnership or corporation.

Sec. XX-20. 28-A MRSA §606, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 276, §2, is amended to read:

1. Purchase of liquor. Subject to the restrictions provided in subsection 1-A, a person licensed to sell spirits must purchase liquor from a ~~state or~~ an agency liquor store. Licenses may purchase liquor for resale from the agency discount liquor store at the same price permitted for purchase of liquor for resale from any agency liquor store that does not offer a retail discount. This subsection does not apply to public service corporations operating interstate.

Sec. XX-21. 28-A MRSA §606, sub-§1-A, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 276, §3, is repealed.

Sec. XX-22. 28-A MRSA §606, sub-§1-B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. K, §8, is repealed.

Sec. XX-23. 28-A MRSA §606, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §29, is further amended to read:



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2 4. **Discount for agency liquor stores.** The commission shall  
3 sell spirits and fortified wines to agency liquor stores for a  
4 price of at least 8% less than the real list price established  
5 ~~for the state liquor stores under chapters 65 and 67.~~

6 **Sec. XX-24. 28-A MRSA §606, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1995, c.  
7 53, §1, is amended to read:

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9 **8. Limits on price.** An agency liquor store may not sell  
10 ~~liquor at any price equal to or higher than the retail sales~~  
11 ~~spirits and fortified wine for less than 103% of the price paid~~  
12 ~~by the agency liquor store. An agency liquor store may not sell~~  
13 ~~spirits to persons other than on-premises licensees for more than~~  
14 ~~the list price set in accordance with chapters 65 and 67.~~

15 **Sec. XX-25. 28-A MRSA §708, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
16 615, §4, is amended to read:

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18 **5. Combination packages.** Notwithstanding subsection 3,  
19 agency liquor store licensees may offer for sale any package or  
20 combination of packages of spirits that the commission has  
21 approved for sale ~~in state liquor stores.~~

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23 **Sec. XX-26. 28-A MRSA §1651, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1993, c.  
24 615, §5, is further amended to read:

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26 **1. State liquor tax.** Except as provided in subsection 2,  
27 the commission shall determine and set the list price at which to  
28 sell all spirits and fortified wine that will produce a an  
29 aggregate state liquor tax of not less than 65% based on the  
30 delivered case cost F.O.B. liquor warehouse sufficient to pay all  
31 liquor related expenses of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and  
32 Lottery Operations and to return to the General Fund an amount  
33 substantially equal to the amount of state liquor tax collected  
34 in the previous fiscal year. With the exception of the discount  
35 agency liquor store in Kittery, list prices must be uniform  
36 statewide.

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38 C. The commission shall add any cost to the State related  
39 to handling containers returned for refund pursuant to Title  
40 32, section 1863-A to the established price without markup.

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42 **Sec. XX-27. 28-A MRSA §1651, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL  
43 1995, c. 181, §1, is further amended to read:

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45 C. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section,  
46 with approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and  
47 Financial Services, the commission may reduce the price of  
48 discontinued or slow-selling items of liquor and fortified

wine. ~~The reduced price may not be less than the actual cost of the discontinued liquor items.~~

4 Sec. XX-28. 28-A MRSA §1651, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

6 E. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, 8 the commission may establish special prices on certain 10 listed liquor spirits and fortified wine items to be made 12 available to the consumer at ~~all state stores~~. These 14 special prices ~~must~~ may not be lower than the price 16 established for the same listed item at the 2 discount state 18 agency liquor stores ~~store~~ authorized under section 403 411, 20 subsection 3.

16 Sec. XX-29. 28-A MRSA §2073, sub-§3, ¶¶B to F, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, are amended to read:

18 B. For-hire carriers and contract carriers, authorized by 20 the Department of Public Safety, may transport liquor to 22 state agency liquor stores, to liquor warehouses, to 24 licensees, to purchasers of liquor at state agency liquor 26 stores and from manufacturers to liquor warehouses, state 28 agency liquor stores and to the state line for 30 transportation outside the State.

30 C. Licensees may transport liquor from state agency liquor 32 stores to their places of business.

32 D. Manufacturers may transport liquor within the State to 34 liquor warehouses and ~~state liquor stores~~, to persons 36 authorized under paragraph E and to the state line for 38 transportation outside the State.

36 E. The ~~commission~~ bureau may permit in writing the 38 importation of liquor into the State and the transportation 40 of liquor from ~~place to place~~ place to place within the 42 State to the following destinations for the specified 44 purposes:

42 (1) To hospitals and state institutions, for medicinal 44 purposes only, liquor made available to them from 46 stocks of liquor seized by the Federal Government;

46 (2) To industrial establishments in the State for 48 industrial uses;

48 (3) To schools, colleges and state institutions for 50 laboratory use only;

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2 (4) To any licensed pharmacist in the State for use in  
the compounding of prescriptions and other medicinal  
4 use, but not for sale by pharmacists unless compounded  
with or mixed with other substances; or

6 (5) To any physician, surgeon, osteopath,  
8 chiropractor, optometrist, dentist or veterinarian for  
medicinal use only.

10 F. The ~~commission~~ bureau may authorize hospitals and state  
12 institutions to purchase liquor, for medicinal purposes  
only, from wholesale licensees and state agency liquor  
14 stores. Such This authorization must be in writing.

16 **Sec. XX-30. 28-A MRSA §2075, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1993, c.  
730, §47, is further amended to read:

18 **2. Transportation of spirits within the State.** No A person  
may not transport or cause to be transported any spirits within  
20 the State in a quantity greater than 4 quarts unless the spirits  
were purchased from a ~~state or~~ an agency liquor store.

22 **Sec. XX-31. 28-A MRSA §2076, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
24 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

26 **1. Delivery of liquor.** Except with the ~~commission's~~  
bureau's written permission, no a person may not knowingly  
28 transport to or cause to be delivered to any person other than  
the commission any spirits not purchased from a ~~state liquor~~ an  
30 agency liquor store or the commission.

32 **Sec. XX-32. 28-A MRSA §2229,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45,  
Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

34 **§2229. Disposal of forfeited liquors**

36 **1. Court or judge to order forfeited liquor to be turned**  
38 **over to the commission.** All ~~liquors~~ spirits declared forfeited  
by a court under this Title shall must, by order of the court  
40 rendering the final judgment, be turned over to the ~~commission~~  
bureau. All malt liquor or wine declared forfeited by a court  
42 under this Title must, by order of the court rendering final  
judgment, be turned over to the bureau. Liquor forfeited under  
44 this section must be disposed of in the same manner as abandoned  
liquor under section 2230.

46 **2. ~~Sale of forfeited liquor by commission.~~** ~~Except as~~  
48 ~~provided in paragraph A, the commission shall sell forfeited~~  
~~liquor in the state liquor stores throughout the State.~~

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2 A. ~~If any liquor is determined by the court to be unfit or~~  
4 ~~unsatisfactory for consumption or retail sale, the court may~~  
6 ~~order the liquor to be destroyed by any officer competent to~~  
8 ~~serve the process on which it was forfeited. The officer~~  
10 ~~shall make the return accordingly to the court.~~

12 (1) ~~The liquor shall be destroyed by pouring it upon~~  
14 ~~the ground or into a public sewer.~~

16 3. Unfit liquor. If any liquor is determined by the court  
18 to be unfit or unsatisfactory for consumption or retail sale, the  
20 court may order the liquor to be destroyed by any officer  
22 competent to serve the process on which it was forfeited. The  
24 officer shall make the return accordingly to the court. The  
26 liquor must be destroyed in an environmentally approved manner.

28 **Sec. XX-33. 28-A MRSA §2230, sub-§2, ¶B,** as enacted by PL  
30 1993, c. 730, §51, is amended to read:

32 B. Secure the liquor for a period of 30 days, after which  
34 time the agency shall transfer the liquor to the bureau.  
36 The bureau shall dispose of any spirits, malt liquor or wine  
38 ~~and shall transfer any spirits to the commission for sale at~~  
40 ~~state liquor stores.~~

42 **Sec. XX-34. Assistance to employees.** The State shall provide  
44 assistance, within existing programs, to employees who are laid  
46 off as a result of the closing of state liquor stores and the  
48 contracting of wholesale liquor functions. This assistance may  
50 include, but is not limited to, retraining, career planning and  
assistance in obtaining other employment and may be provided  
before or after an employee leaves state employment.

52 **Sec. XX-35. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
54 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
56 this Part.

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>General Purpose Aid for</b>		
<b>Local Schools</b>		
All Other	\$3,662,882	\$3,091,489
Provides funds to increase		
amounts available for General		
Purpose Aid for Local Schools.		

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2	<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	3,662,882	3,091,489

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6           **Sec. XX-36. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated  
 8 from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund to carry out the purposes of  
 this Part.

10		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
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12           **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**  
 14           **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 16           **Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation**

16	Positions - Legislative Count	(-101,000)	(-101,000)
18	Positions - FTE Count	(-5,784)	(-5,784)
	Personal Services		(3,866,438)
20	All Other	(684,920)	(1,539,173)
22	<b>TOTAL</b>	(684,920)	(5,405,611)

24           Provides for the deallocation  
 26 of funds in Personal Services  
 and All Other as a result of  
 28 closing state-run liquor  
 stores.

30           **Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation**

32	All Other	(581,211)	(590,510)
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34           Provides for the deallocation  
 36 of funds as a result of  
 closing the state-run liquor  
 38 stores. The deallocation is  
 related to freight expense.

40           **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE**  
 42           **AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
**TOTAL**

		(1,266,131)	(5,996,121)
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46           **SECTION XX-36**  
**TOTAL ALLOCATIONS**

		(\$1,266,131)	(\$5,996,121)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 832, L.D. 1137

2 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**1997-98**                      **1998-99**

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**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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General Fund	\$3,662,882	\$3,091,489
Other Funds	(1,266,131)	(5,996,121)

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**REVENUES**

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General Fund	\$3,662,882	\$3,091,489
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20 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund  
appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained  
for fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99.

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment strikes Part L of the committee amendment,  
which generated \$3,000,000 in additional General Fund revenue in  
fiscal year 1998-99 by allowing greater liquor pricing  
flexibility, authorizing discounts to licensees and by  
authorizing the opening of up to 2 discount liquor stores at Exit  
3 of the Maine Turnpike.

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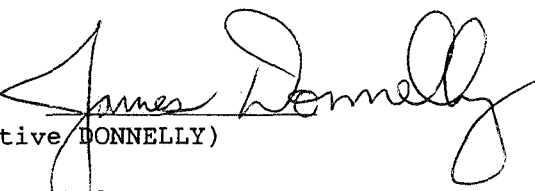
This amendment proposes to close all state-operated liquor  
stores by August 31, 1997 and to privatize the sale of liquor in  
Maine. It also provides that additional General Fund revenue  
realized from privatization be appropriated to the General  
Purpose Aid for Local Schools program.

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SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative DONNELLY)

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TOWN: Presque Isle

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