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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "5" 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 ~~ex-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 XX-3. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§32, as amended by PL 1993, c. 462, §4, is repealed.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:

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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

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

8
10 **1. Supervision of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages.** To
supervise and direct the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic
12 Beverages relating to all phases of the merchandising of liquor
through state ~~liquor-stores~~ operations and agency liquor stores;

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

16
18 **5. Spirits for sale.** To buy and have in its possession
spirits for sale to the ~~public~~ agency liquor stores. The
20 commission shall buy spirits directly and not through the State
Purchasing Agent. All spirits must be free from adulteration and
22 misbranding; and

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

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

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34 **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
36 ~~state-operated-retail-stores,~~ agency liquor stores and licensees
in accordance with applicable laws and rules;

38
40 **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:

42 **9. Investigate and recommend changes.** Carry on a
continuous study and investigation of the sale of alcoholic
44 beverages throughout the State and the operation and
administration of the ~~state-operated-retail-stores~~ state
46 operations and recommend to the commission and the commissioner
any changes in the laws or rules and methods of operation that
48 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
the tourist trade to the ~~state~~ discount liquor store in Kittery,
22 the Maine Turnpike Authority shall erect and maintain a guidepost
no more than one mile north of the York toll station on the
24 southbound side of the Maine Turnpike. The guidepost shall must
be worded as follows:

26 DISCOUNT LIQUOR STORE -- KITTERY

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

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

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

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

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

14
16 A. An agency liquor store may accept payment for liquor
purchases by cash, check or major credit card.

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

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22 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.

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26 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
28 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
30 that are mailed must be received or postmarked within 3 days
of receipt of a liquor delivery or notification of the
32 amount due.

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36 **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
38 bureau shall withhold any license not issued or immediately take
back the license if already issued, voiding that license until
40 such time as the check or invoice is paid in full, together with
the cost of the check failure or collection procedure. The
42 commission or bureau may order that person to make all payments
to the commission by cash, certified check or money order for a
44 period not to exceed one year.

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

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50 **§353. Business hours**

2 ~~State-liquor-stores-and-agency~~ Agency liquor stores may be
open for the sale and delivery of liquor between the hours of 6
4 a.m. and 1 a.m. in municipalities and unincorporated places that
have voted in favor of the operation of state agency liquor
6 stores under local option provisions. Notwithstanding any local
option decisions to the contrary, ~~state-liquor-stores-and~~ agency
8 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.~~

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

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

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

18
20 **§355. Closed in cases of riots; hurricanes; flood**

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

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

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

28 **CHAPTER 18**

30 **CLOSING STATE LIQUOR STORES**

32 **§411. State liquor stores closed**

34
36 **1. Closing by August 31, 1997.** The Bureau of Alcoholic
Beverages and Lottery Operations shall take any action necessary
38 to close all state liquor stores as expeditiously as possible
with the goal of closing all state liquor stores by August 31,
1997.

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42 **2. Replacement of state liquor stores.** The bureau may
license up to 3 agency liquor stores within a 10-mile radius of
44 each closed state liquor store except the state liquor store in
Kittery. The bureau shall license one agency liquor store that
46 must be located within a 10-mile radius of the closed state
liquor store in Kittery. The issuance of an agency liquor store
48 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 **1. Location requirements.** The ~~commission~~ bureau may
38 license an agency liquor store only when the following
requirements are met.

40 A. The proposed agency liquor store is located in a
42 municipality or unincorporated place ~~which~~ that has voted in
favor of the operation of state liquor stores under local
option provisions.

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

48 D. If a state liquor store closes, the ~~commission~~ bureau
50 may grant more than one agency liquor store license in a

2 municipality when the ~~commission~~ bureau considers it
3 appropriate. ~~Agency-liquor-stores-licensed-before-May-1,~~
4 ~~1993-that-replace-closed-state-liquor-stores-are-exempt-from~~
~~the-distance-requirement-in-paragraph-C.~~

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

14 **2-A. Replacement of state liquor stores closed in fiscal**
16 **year 1991-92.** The ~~commission~~ bureau may replace a state liquor
store closed after July 1, 1990 with 3 agency liquor stores if:

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

22 B. The ~~commission~~ bureau does not issue to a person or
24 corporation more than 2 of the 3 licenses issued to replace
26 a state liquor store. For purposes of this restriction,
28 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.

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

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

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

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

48 **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 MRS §606, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1995, c.
7 53, §1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

20 **Sec. XX-26. 28-A MRS §1651, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1993, c.
21 615, §5, is further amended to read:

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

33 C. The commission shall add any cost to the State related
34 to handling containers returned for refund pursuant to Title
35 32, section 1863-A to the established price without markup.

36 **Sec. XX-27. 28-A MRS §1651, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL
37 1995, c. 181, §1, is further amended to read:

38 C. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section,
39 with approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and
40 Financial Services, the commission may reduce the price of
41 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.~~

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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,
34 Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

36 **§2229. Disposal of forfeited liquors**

38 1. **Court or judge to order forfeited liquor to be turned**
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
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.

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

56 1997-98 1998-99

58 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**
60 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

62 **Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement**

64 All Other \$1,000,000

66 Provides funds to restore
68 funding deappropriated in
section B-1.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

2	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE		
	AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
4	TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	
6	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
8	Medical Care - Payments to		
10	Providers		
12	All Other	\$1,648,320	\$1,648,320
14	Provides additional funds for		
16	spousal impoverishment to		
18	apply the same standard for		
20	asset and income protection		
22	equivalent to that presently		
24	available to the spouses of		
	individuals residing in		
	nursing facilities to the		
	spouses of residents of		
	cost-reimbursed residential		
	care facilities.		
26	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,648,320</u>	<u>\$1,648,320</u>
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30	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$2,648,320</u>	<u>\$1,648,320</u>
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34	Sec. XX-36. Allocation. The following funds are allocated		
36	from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund to carry out the purposes of		
	this Part.		
38		1997-98	1998-99
40	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL		
	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
42	Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation		
44	Positions - Legislative Count	(-101,000)	(-101,000)
46	Positions - FTE Count	(-5.784)	(-5.784)
48	Personal Services		(3,866,438)
	All Other	(684,920)	(1,539,173)
	TOTAL	<u>(684,920)</u>	<u>(5,405,611)</u>

2 Provides for the deallocation
 4 of funds in Personal Services
 and All Other as a result of
 6 closing state-run liquor
 stores.

8 **Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation**

10 All Other (581,211) (590,510)

12 Provides for the deallocation
 14 of funds as a result of
 closing the state-run liquor
 16 stores. The deallocation is
 related to freight expense.

18 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
 AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

20 **TOTAL** (1,266,131) (5,996,121)

22 **SECTION XX-36**

24 **TOTAL ALLOCATIONS** (\$1,266,131) (\$5,996,121)

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

30 **FISCAL NOTE**

32 **1997-98 1998-99**

34 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

36 General Fund \$2,648,320 \$1,648,320
 38 Other Funds (1,266,131) (5,996,121)

40 **REVENUES**

42 General Fund \$3,662,882 \$3,091,489

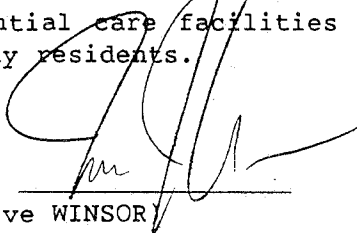
44 This amendment will decrease the General Fund cost of the
 46 bill by \$1,014,562 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$1,443,169 in
 fiscal year 1998-99.

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SUMMARY

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.

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 a portion of additional General Fund revenue realized from privatization be appropriated to restore the Tree Growth Tax reimbursement program to full funding and to provide additional funding for spousal impoverishment in order to apply the same standard for spouses of individuals in certain residential care facilities as is applied to spouses of nursing facility residents.



SPONSORED BY: _____
(Representative WINSOR)

TOWN: Norway