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

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 XX-3. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§32, as amended by PL 1993, c. 462, §4, is repealed.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

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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  
1. **Supervision of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages.** To  
10 supervise and direct the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic  
Beverages relating to all phases of the merchandising of liquor  
12 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  
5. **Spirits for sale.** To buy and have in its possession  
18 spirits for sale to ~~the--public~~ agency liquor stores. The  
commission shall buy spirits directly and not through the State  
20 Purchasing Agent. All spirits must be free from adulteration and  
misbranding; and

22  
6. **Sell to agency liquor stores.** To sell ~~at--retail--in~~  
24 ~~state-liquor-stores-in-original-packages--either-over-the-counter~~  
~~or--by-shipment-to-points~~ to agency liquor stores for resale  
within the State, spirits of all kinds for consumption off the  
26 premises ~~at--state--liquor--stores--to--be--operated--under--the~~  
~~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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2. **Manage purchase of spirits and sale of alcoholic**  
34 **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;

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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:

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9. **Investigate and recommend changes.** Carry on a  
44 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  
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**  
5 **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**  
13 **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  
21 the tourist trade to the state discount liquor store in Kittery,  
22 the Maine Turnpike Authority shall erect and maintain a guidepost  
23 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**  
43 **of school or church.** The ~~commission~~ bureau may not establish-a  
44 ~~state-liquor-store-or~~ license an agency liquor store within 300  
45 feet of any public or private school, church, chapel or parish  
house.

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

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

4 **Sec. XX-14. 28-A MRSA §352**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 615,  
5 §2, is further amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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34 **2. Checks not honored on presentation; consequences.** If  
35 any check is not honored on presentation or if an agency liquor  
36 store fails to pay for liquor as prescribed in subsection 1, the  
37 bureau shall withhold any license not issued or immediately take  
38 back the license if already issued, voiding that license until  
39 such time as the check or invoice is paid in full, together with  
40 the cost of the check failure or collection procedure. The  
41 commission or bureau may order that person to make all payments  
42 to the commission by cash, certified check or money order for a  
43 period not to exceed one year.

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

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48 **§353. Business hours**  
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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.~~

10 **Sec. XX-16. 28-A MRSA §§354 and 355**, as enacted by PL 1987,  
12 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 **§355. Closed in cases of riots; hurricanes; flood**

20 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 1. Closing by August 31, 1997. The Bureau of Alcoholic  
36 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.

40 2. Replacement of state liquor stores. The bureau may  
42 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

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

3. Replacement of Kittery discount store. The commission shall contract with one agency liquor store licensee to replace the state discount liquor store in Kittery. The replacement agency liquor store must contract with the commission to sell 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.

4. Requirement of at least one replacement agency liquor store before closing. A state liquor store may not be closed unless at least one replacement agency liquor store with a federal wholesale registration has been licensed within 10 miles 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.

5. Law applicable to state liquor stores until sold. Until all state liquor stores are closed, the provisions of law applying to state liquor stores on January 1, 1997 continue to 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.

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:

§453. Location of agency stores

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

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

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

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

2 municipality when the commission bureau considers it  
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  
a state liquor store. For purposes of this restriction,  
26 each partner of a partnership, each corporation that owns an  
interest in another corporation and each person who owns 20%  
28 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.  
Licenses may purchase liquor for resale from the agency discount  
38 liquor store at the same price permitted for purchase of liquor  
40 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.

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

46 **Sec. XX-22. 28-A MRSA §606, sub-§1-B,** as enacted by PL 1991,  
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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4. **Discount for agency liquor stores.** The commission shall sell spirits and fortified wines to agency liquor stores for a price of at least 8% less than the real list price established for the state liquor stores under chapters 65 and 67.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4       **Sec. XX-28. 28-A MRSA §1651, sub-§2, ¶E**, as enacted by PL  
5       1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2 (4) To any licensed pharmacist in the State for use in  
4 the compounding of prescriptions and other medicinal  
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  
20 may not transport or cause to be transported any spirits within  
the State in a quantity greater than 4 quarts unless the spirits  
22 were purchased from a ~~state-of~~ an agency liquor store.

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

26 1. **Delivery of liquor.** Except with the ~~commission's~~  
28 bureau's written permission, ~~no~~ a person may not knowingly  
transport to or cause to be delivered to any person other than  
30 the ~~commission~~ any spirits not purchased from a ~~state-liquor~~ an  
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  
40 by a court under this Title shall must, by order of the court  
rendering the final judgment, be turned over to the ~~commission~~  
42 bureau. All malt liquor or wine declared forfeited by a court  
under this Title must, by order of the court rendering final  
44 judgment, be turned over to the bureau. Liquor forfeited under  
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  
liquor must be destroyed in an environmentally approved manner.

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

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

34 **Sec. XX-34. Assistance to employees.** The State shall provide  
36 assistance, within existing programs, to employees who are laid  
off as a result of the closing of state liquor stores and the  
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.

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

	1997-98	1998-99
40 <b>MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL</b>		
42 <b>RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE</b>		
44 <b>ABUSE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Community Development Fund - MR</b>		
46 All Other	\$3,662,882	\$3,091,489
48 Provides funds for day		
50 programming and other		
services to people with		

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2           mental retardation who are on  
3           a waiting list for services.

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6       **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,  
7       MENTAL RETARDATION AND  
8       SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

8 <b>TOTAL</b>	<u>3,662,882</u>	<u>3,091,489</u>
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10           **Sec. XX-36. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated  
12 from the Alcoholic Beverage Fund to carry out the purposes of  
13 this Part.

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	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
16 <b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL</b>		
18 <b>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
20 <b>Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation</b>		
22           Positions - Legislative Count	(-101,000)	(-101,000)
23           Positions - FTE Count	(-5,784)	(-5,784)
24           Personal Services		(3,866,438)
25           All Other	(684,920)	(1,539,173)
26 <b>TOTAL</b>	<u>(684,920)</u>	<u>(5,405,611)</u>

28           Provides for the deallocation  
30 of funds in Personal Services  
31 and All Other as a result of  
32 closing state-run liquor  
33 stores.

34       **Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation**

36           All Other	(581,211)	(590,510)
38           Provides for the deallocation 40 of funds as a result of 41 closing the state-run liquor 42 stores. The deallocation is 43 related to freight expense.		

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46       **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
47       AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

48 <b>TOTAL</b>	<u>(1,266,131)</u>	<u>(5,996,121)</u>
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50       **SECTION XX-36**

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

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		
General Fund	\$3,662,882	\$3,091,489
Other Funds	(1,266,131)	(5,996,121)

**REVENUES**

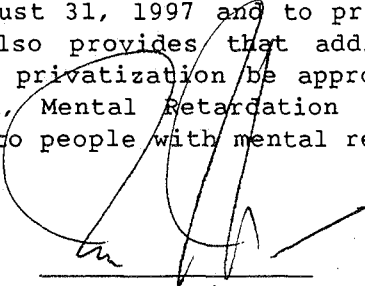
General Fund	\$3,662,882	\$3,091,489
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This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained for fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99.

**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 additional General Fund revenue realized from privatization be appropriated to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for services to people with mental retardation.

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