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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1502, L.D. 2124, Bill, "An Act to Allow Liquor Licenses for Commercial Vessels"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1077, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §103, is further amended to read:

B. Except as provided in subparagraph (1), licenses issued under this section to vessel companies operating boats within the State authorize the licensees to sell liquor in the boats after leaving and before reaching ports within the State and licenses issued under this section to commercial vessel companies operating boats on inland waters authorize the licensees to sell liquor on board the boat after leaving and before reaching docks on inland waters.

(1) A licensee may sell liquor for consumption on board a vessel that is in port or docked, only if prior approval for the sale is obtained from the bureau under the license application procedure in section 653. A separate approval must be obtained for each port or dock location from which on-board sales of liquor are to be made.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1077, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

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C. A vessel licensed to sell liquor under this section may sell liquor on Sundays only between the hours of ~~12-noon~~ 9:00 a.m. and midnight on inland waters and when operated within the 3-mile limit on coastal waters.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1077, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 121 and 122, a vessel on inland waters may sell liquor without approval of the municipal officers or, in the case of unincorporated places, the county commissioners.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>REVENUES</b>		
General Fund	\$1,820	\$1,820

Authorizing liquor licenses for commercial vessels will increase General Fund revenue by \$1,820 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds commercial vessels navigated on inland waters to the liquor licensing provisions of the statutes and provides that a commercial inland vessel does not require municipal or county approval to obtain a liquor license.