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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 785, L.D. 2200, Bill, "An  
Act to Permit Persons Out-of-state to Ship Malt Liquor and Wine  
to Maine Residents"

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Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary  
the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Beginning in fiscal year 2000-01, the authorization of  
out-of-state shipper's licenses will increase General Fund  
revenue from annual license fee collections by the Bureau of  
Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety. On  
the other hand, the timing of collections from out-of-state  
shippers may result in a delay in the receipt of excise and  
premium taxes. In addition, the possibility for additional sales  
by nonlicensed out-of-state shippers may result in no excise and  
premium tax collections from these "illegal" sales that are  
shifted from in-state sellers. The net effect on General Fund  
revenue from license fee, excise tax and premium tax collections  
can not be determined at this time.

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This bill may also reduce sales tax collections. The amount  
of the reduction of General Fund revenue and dedicated revenue  
for state-municipal revenue sharing can not be determined at this  
time.

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This bill may increase prosecutions for Class C crimes.  
Sentences of more than 9 months imposed for Class C crimes must  
be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the

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2 State per sentence is \$67,311 based upon an average length of  
stay of 2 years and 5 months.

4 The additional workload and administrative costs associated  
6 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system  
can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
8 Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase  
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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### SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.