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In Senate, December 17, 2001

An Act to Clarify the On-premise Liquor License Application Process.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

PAMELA L. CAHILL Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis. Cosponsored by Representative LABRECQUE of Gorham and Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representative: TUTTLE of Sanford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1999, c. 589, §1, is further amended to read:

If the municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, fail to take final action on an application for a new on-premise license, for transfer of the location of an existing on-premise license ex--fer renewal--of--an-on-premise--lieense within 60 days of the filing of an application, the application is deemed approved and ready for action by the bureau. For purposes of this paragraph, the date of filing of the application is the date the application is received by the municipal officers or commissioners. This paragraph applies applications pending before municipal officers or county commissioners as of the effective date of this paragraph as well as all applications filed on or after the effective date of this paragraph. This paragraph applies to an existing on-premise license that has been extended pending renewal. The municipal officers or the county commissioners shall take final action on an on-premise license that has been extended pending renewal within 120 days of the filing of the application.

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SUMMARY

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This bill clarifies that municipal officers or county commissioners have 60 days to take final action on a new application for an on-premise liquor license. Renewal license applications must be approved within 120 days.