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RES

L.D. 2123

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COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1623, L.D. 2123, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Plan to Implement the Closure of State Liquor Stores"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 7. 28-A MRSA §605, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Transfer to surviving spouse or designated heir. When the term of the license of a deceased licensee expires, the bureau shall transfer the license for the existing location to the surviving spouse or a designated heir of the deceased licensee if the surviving spouse or designated heir submits a request for the transfer of that license at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. The bureau may deny the transfer of the license if the surviving spouse or designated heir does not meet all of the eligibility requirements for that license set forth in this chapter. If both the surviving spouse and the designated heir request transfer of the license, the bureau shall reissue the license by the same process used if no surviving spouse or designated heir requested that the license be transferred.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 8 and 9.

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

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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2002-03

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REVENUES

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General Fund

\$23,750

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Adding a license fee for certain reselling agents and issuing additional licenses due to the repeal of certain eligibility restrictions will result in an increase of General Fund revenue received by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety by \$23,750 in fiscal year 2002-03, \$6,750 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$6,750 in fiscal year 2004-05.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the report of the Committee of Conference. This amendment amends the bill to remove those provisions that authorize the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to continue to operate the remaining 19 state liquor stores and require the bureau to annually report to the Legislature on the operation of those 19 state liquor stores. This amendment also includes that provision proposed in Committee Amendment "A" that provides that, if a licensee dies, the licensee's surviving spouse or designated heir must be issued the license if the spouse or heir requests it.