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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1260, L.D. 1820, Bill, "An Act To Allow Small Businesses To Participate in Liquor Sales"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §453-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2001, c. 711, §5, is further amended to read:

**5. Licensing decisions.** The bureau shall conduct an investigation to determine the feasibility of the location and type of facility for the agency liquor store and shall issue the license to one or more of the applicants, taking into consideration any factors the bureau considers appropriate. When considering the issuance of a license, the bureau shall consider the proximity of the proposed agency store to existing agency stores and the potential impact the location of the proposed agency store may have on an existing agency store. In a municipality eligible for 4 agency liquor store locations, when considering the issuance of a license for at least one of those 4 locations, the bureau shall give favorable consideration to proposed locations with retail space under 3,000 square feet, the convenience of a downtown location and adequate pedestrian access. The bureau may deny a license if the bureau determines the proposed agency store location is in too close proximity to an existing agency store.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

This amendment specifies that when the licensing division within the Department of Public Safety considers issuing an agency liquor store license in a municipality eligible for 4 agency liquor store locations, for one of the 4 locations it shall give favorable consideration to applicants with retail space under 3,000 square feet, pedestrian access and the convenience of a downtown location.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



Approved: 02/27/06 *mac*

# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1820

LR 2894(02)

**An Act to Allow Small Businesses to Participate in Liquor Sales**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$60,000)	(\$10,500)	(\$10,500)
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$60,000	\$10,500	\$10,500

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing the licensure of additional agency liquor stores will increase General Fund revenue by \$60,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 and by \$10,500 for each fiscal year thereafter. Additional costs to the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to license additional stores are expected to be minor.