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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

An Act To Allow Small Businesses To Participate in Liquor Sales

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

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

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Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A, as repealed and replaced by
4 PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. SS, §1 and affected by §8, is amended to read:

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**2-A. Replacement of state liquor stores or agency liquor
stores.** The bureau may license up to 6 agency liquor stores in a
8 municipality with a population over 20,000 where a state liquor
store has been closed and up to 3 4 agency liquor stores in a
10 municipality with a population of 20,000 or less where a state
liquor store has been closed. In addition, the bureau may
12 establish one agency liquor store in a municipality where no
state liquor store has operated, and, if the population is over
14 3,000, the bureau may locate 2 stores within the municipality.
The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or
16 tourism and other related information provided by the town
requesting a 2nd agency liquor store location.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows the division within the Department of
Public Safety designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety to
24 enforce the law relating to the sale of liquor to license up to 4
agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of
26 20,000 or less where a state liquor store has been closed.
Current law allows 3 agency liquor stores in such a municipality.

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