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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Regarding Promotions

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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Presented by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, HOTHAM of Dixfield.

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §708, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 615,
4 §4, is amended to read:

5. Combination packages. Notwithstanding subsection 3, agency liquor store licensees may offer for sale any package or combination of packages of spirits or use marketing promotions for spirits that the commission has approved for sale-in-state liquer--steres use in the State, as long as the package, combination of packages or promotion conforms with the standards set forth in regulations under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

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16 SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the law regarding promotions in agency liquor stores to allow licensees to offer for sale any package or combination of packages of spirits or use marketing promotions for spirits that the State Liquor and Lottery Commission has approved for use in the State as long as they conform to the standards of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act. Confusion over this issue has resulted from the current reference in law to items approved for sale in "state liquor stores" since those no longer exist.