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House of Representatives, March 3, 2011

**An Act To Transfer Responsibility for the Enforcement of Liquor
Laws to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, DAMON of Bangor, FITTS of Pittsfield, RUSSELL
of Portland, VALENTINO of Saco, Senator: PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 373, §10, is
3 amended to read:

4 **2-A. Alcohol bureau.** "Alcohol bureau" means the Department of Administrative
5 and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and has
6 the same meaning as "bureau" defined in subsection 6.

7 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 451, Pt. T, §7, is
8 further amended to read:

9 **6. Bureau.** "Bureau" means the ~~division~~ alcohol bureau within the Department of
10 ~~Public Safety~~ Administrative and Financial Services designated by the commissioner to
11 enforce the law relating to the manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale
12 of all liquor and to administer those laws relating to licensing and collection of taxes on
13 malt liquor and wine.

14 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§9-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. ZZ, §2, is
15 further amended to read:

16 **9-A. Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of ~~Public Safety~~
17 Administrative and Financial Services.

18 **Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §82, sub-§8, ¶A-1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. X,
19 §1, is amended to read:

20 A-1. The bureau shall provide notification to licensees that the provisions of this
21 Title are available on the ~~Department of Public Safety's~~ bureau's website as described
22 in subsection 8-A and that the bureau will provide a paper copy of the Title to any
23 licensee at no charge, upon request from that licensee.

24 **Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §82, sub-§8-A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. X, §2, is
25 amended to read:

26 **8-A. Post laws and rules.** Post on the ~~Department of Public Safety's~~ bureau's
27 publicly accessible website this Title, other laws concerning liquor and all rules adopted
28 under this Title. The bureau shall notify all licensees of changes in the law and rules via
29 a publicly accessible website posting within 90 days of adjournment of each regular
30 session of the Legislature. The bureau shall update the posting on the ~~Department of~~
31 ~~Public Safety's~~ bureau's publicly accessible website to reflect new laws and rules; and

32 **Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §82-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 139, §4, is
33 amended to read:

34 **2. Commissioner.** The commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Public
35 Safety, who may by agreement, with the consent and approval of the affected law
36 enforcement agency, designate the law enforcement agency's officers to exercise the
37 enforcement authority identified in subsection 1.

