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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 679, L.D. 1713, Bill, "An Act To Permit the Sharing of Revenue from the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Sporting Events"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, professional sports teams provide valuable entertainment and economic benefits to the communities where they play; and

Whereas, professional sports teams are valuable partners with civic auditoriums and other arenas, which serve as anchor facilities in cities and towns across the State; and

Whereas, it is vital to ensure that arrangements between professional sports teams and civic auditoriums and other large arenas are mutually economically beneficial in order to maintain these important relationships, and in order to maximize the benefit this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §608 is enacted to read:

§608. Licensees with professional sporting events; revenues from the sale of liquor

A licensee authorized to sell liquor for on-premises consumption may enter into an agreement to share revenues from the sale of liquor with a professional sports team not licensed under this Title if:

1. Capacity. The licensee has a capacity to seat at least 3,000 people;

