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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to Permit the Sharing of Revenue from the Sale of	S.P. 679, L.D. 1713, Bill, "An Act To of Alcoholic Beverages at Sporting Events"	
11 12	Amend the bill by inserting after the following:	title and before the enacting clause the	
13 14	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, act become effective until 90 days after adjournme	ts and resolves of the Legislature do not ent unless enacted as emergencies; and	
15 16	Whereas, professional sports teams pro- benefits to the communities where they play; a	vide valuable entertainment and economic nd	
17 18	Whereas, professional sports teams are v other arenas, which serve as anchor facilities in	aluable partners with civic auditoriums and a cities and towns across the State; and	
19 20 21 22	Whereas, it is vital to ensure that arrang and civic auditoriums and other large areas order to maintain these important relationships legislation needs to take effect as soon as possi	s, and in order to maximize the benefit this	
23 24 25 26	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislat the meaning of the Constitution of Maine immediately necessary for the preservation of therefore,'		
27	Amend the bill by striking out all of section	n 2 and inserting the following:	
28	'Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §608 is enacted to read:		
29	§608. Licensees with professional sporting events; revenues from the sale of liquor		
30		p-premises consumption may enter into an	
31 32	agreement to share revenues from the sale of liquor with a professional sports team not licensed under this Title if:		
33	1. Capacity. The licensee has a capacity t	o seat at least 3,000 people;	

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Licensee is designated host facility. The licensee is the designated host facility
for the professional sports team. For the purposes of this subsection, "designated host
facility" means a facility licensed to sell liquor for on-premises consumption, including,
but not limited to, a civic auditorium or an outdoor stadium where a professional sports
team conducts at least 75% of its sporting events as the home team in the competition;

3. Revenues from sales at sporting events only. Revenues to be shared as provided
by this section between the licensee and the professional sports team are limited to
revenues from the sale of liquor sold at the time of sporting events conducted by that
professional sports team; and

4. Application. The licensee discloses any agreement, including any revenue sharing provisions pursuant to subsection 3, with a professional sports team permitted
under this section when submitting an application for a liquor license as required by
section 651, subsection 2.

14 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 15 legislation takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

17 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill and 18 strikes the requirement that a professional sports team must play at least 15 calendar days 19 at a host facility in order to share revenue from liquor sales with the host facility. The 20 amendment also provides that the revenue-sharing exception applies to any licensee that 21 has the capacity to seat at least 3,000 people and hosts a professional sports team, not just 22 licensed civic auditoriums. The amendment also requires that the licensee disclose not 23 only the existence of an agreement with the sports team but also the terms of the revenue-24 sharing agreement when applying for a liquor license.

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