

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 347

House of Representatives, February 24, 2015

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Number of Agency  
Liquor Stores Allowed in a Municipality**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LYFORD of Eddington.  
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HILLIARD of Belgrade, REED of Carmel,  
STEARNS of Guilford, VEROW of Brewer, WARD of Dedham, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 253, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores.** Beginning July 1, 2009, the  
5 bureau may license up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over  
6 ~~50,000~~ 45,000; up to 9 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over  
7 30,000 but less than 45,001; up to 8 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a  
8 population over 20,000 but less than ~~50,001~~ 30,001; up to 5 agency liquor stores in a  
9 municipality with a population of at least 10,001 but less than 20,001; up to 4 agency  
10 liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001;  
11 and up to 3 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but  
12 less than 5,001. In addition, the bureau may establish one agency liquor store in a  
13 municipality where the population is less than 2,000. The bureau may consider the  
14 impact of seasonal population or tourism and other related information provided by the  
15 municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store location.

16 Nothing in this subsection may be construed to reduce the number of agency stores the  
17 bureau may license in a municipality as of June 30, 2009.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 Current law allows up to 8 agency liquor licenses for municipalities with a population  
20 from 20,000 to 50,000 and up to 10 agency liquor licenses for municipalities with a  
21 population over 50,000. This bill changes that allotment to an allotment that allows up to  
22 8 agency liquor licenses for municipalities with a population over 20,000 to 30,000, 9  
23 agency liquor licenses for municipalities with a population over 30,000 to 45,000 and 10  
24 agency liquor licenses for municipalities with a population over 45,000.