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In Senate, March 10, 2015

An Act To Increase the Minimum Population Requirement for a Municipality in Which the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations May Locate an Additional Agency Liquor Store

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
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China.

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

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill increases from 2,000 to 5,000 the allowable population of a municipality in
19 which the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic
20 Beverages and Lottery Operations may establish an additional liquor store.