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127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 906, L.D. 1331, Bill, "An Act To Provide Enhanced Enforcement of the Laws Governing Alcoholic Beverages"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

Sec. 6. Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to hire liquor inspectors who have completed law enforcement training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. No later than July 1, 2016, the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall hire no fewer than 5 liquor inspectors and require that no fewer than 3 of those liquor inspectors must have completed training as qualified law enforcement officers as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5.

Sec. 7. Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to report on enhanced liquor enforcement. No later than March 1, 2017, the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverage matters regarding the changes to and enhancement of liquor enforcement functions in the State, including, but not limited to, increases in the number of compliance checks, investigations related to on-premises retail licensees selling spirits not purchased from the State, sales to minors and forensic audits of licensee operations.

Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**

Initiative: Provides appropriations in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 for 5 Liquor License Inspector positions and related support costs. Three of these positions must have law enforcement authority.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

ROFS

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 906, L.D. 1331

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
3	Personal Services	\$281,355	\$382,715
4	All Other	\$18,668	\$24,890
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$300,023</u>	<u>\$407,605</u>

7 **Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**
 8 Initiative: Provides one-time funds to train 3 Liquor License Inspectors at the Maine
 9 Criminal Justice Academy.

10	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
11	All Other	\$7,500	\$0
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

14	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL		
15	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
16	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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18	GENERAL FUND	\$307,523	\$407,605
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20	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$307,523</u>	<u>\$407,605</u>
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22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment retains the provisions of the bill but requires the Director of the
 24 Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of
 25 Administrative and Financial Services to hire 5 new liquor inspectors, 3 of whom must be
 26 trained law enforcement officers. The amendment provides an appropriations and
 27 allocations section to fund those positions and requires the bureau to report by March 1,
 28 2017 on changes and enhancements to liquor enforcement efforts.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1331

LR 1662(02)

An Act To Provide Enhanced Enforcement of the Laws Governing Alcoholic Beverages

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-373)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$307,523	\$407,605	\$422,914	\$438,835
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$307,523	\$407,605	\$422,914	\$438,835

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires, by July 1, 2016, the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO) within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to hire 5 additional Liquor License Inspector positions, 3 of which must be trained as law enforcement officers. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$7,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 for costs to train at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and \$300,023 and \$407,605 in fiscal year 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, for the establishment of 5 Liquor License Inspector positions and related costs. This fiscal note assumes that these Liquor License Inspector positions are eligible under the 1998 special retirement plan under Title 5, Section 17851-A.