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S.P. 299

In Senate, February 28, 2019

**An Act to Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in
Certain Municipalities**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative STROM of Pittsfield and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, HERBIG of Waldo, LUCHINI of
Hancock, Representative: SCHNECK of Bangor.

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2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c.
3 494, Pt. A, §31, is amended to read:

4 **2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores.** ~~Beginning July 1, 2009, the~~
5 The bureau may license up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population
6 over 45,000; up to 9 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 30,000
7 but less than 45,001; up to 8 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over
8 ~~20,000~~ 16,000 but less than 30,001; up to 5 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a
9 population of at least 10,001 but less than ~~20,001~~ 16,001; up to 4 agency liquor stores in a
10 municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001; up to 3 agency
11 liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but less than 5,001; and
12 one agency liquor store in a municipality ~~where the~~ with a population is of less than
13 2,000. The bureau may issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those
14 otherwise authorized by this subsection in a municipality with a population of less than
15 10,000. The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other
16 related information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor
17 store license.

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

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of
22 Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license up to 8 agency liquor stores in a
23 municipality with a population of at least 16,001 but less than 30,001; current law
24 requires a population of at least 20,001 before a municipality qualifies for 8 agency liquor
25 stores. The population threshold to qualify for 5 agency liquor stores remains at 10,001.