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An Act To Increase the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Permitted in Municipalities with 10,000 to 20,000 Residents

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

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Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, FECTEAU of Biddeford, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PIERCE of Falmouth, SCHNECK of Bangor, STROM of Pittsfield, TUCKER of Brunswick, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt.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

2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores. Beginning July 1, 2009, the 4 The bureau may license up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population 5 over 45,000; up to 9 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 30,000 6 but less than 45,001; up to 8 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 7 20,000 but less than 30,001; up to 56 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a 8 population of at least 10,001 but less than 20,001; up to 4 agency liquor stores in a 9 municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001; up to 3 agency 10 11 liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but less than 5,001; and one agency liquor store in a municipality where the with a population is less than 2,000. 12 The bureau may issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those otherwise 13 14 authorized by this subsection in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000. The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other related 15 information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store 16 license. 17

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

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license up to 6 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 10,001 but less than 20,001; current law allows such a municipality a maximum of 5 agency liquor stores.