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An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAIAZZO of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, CROCKETT of Portland, Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, LIBBY of Auburn, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SUPICA of Bangor, WARREN of Scarborough, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 74, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **1-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores.** The bureau may license up to:

5 A. ~~Eleven~~ Twelve agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over
6 60,000;

7 B. ~~Ten~~ Eleven agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 45,000
8 but less than 60,001;

9 C. ~~Nine~~ Ten agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 30,000 but
10 less than 45,001;

11 D. ~~Eight~~ Nine agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 20,000
12 but less than 30,001;

13 E. Seven agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 15,000 but less
14 than 20,001;

15 F. Six agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 10,000 but less
16 than 15,001;

17 G. Four agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but
18 less than 10,001;

19 H. Three agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but
20 less than 5,001; and

21 I. One agency liquor store in a municipality with a population less than 2,000.

22 The bureau may issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those otherwise
23 authorized by this subsection in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000. The
24 bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other related
25 information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store
26 license.

27 This subsection may not be construed to reduce the number of agency liquor stores the
28 bureau may license in a municipality as of June 30, 2009.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill adds one more agency liquor store license to the top 4 tiers of the limitation
31 on the number of agency liquor stores, for municipalities with a population over 20,000 to
32 municipalities with a population over 60,000.