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S.P. 881

In Senate, January 3, 2024

An Act to Change the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in Certain Municipalities

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SACHS of Freeport and
Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,
Representative: SUPICA of Bangor.

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

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

4 E. Seven agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over ~~15,000~~ 10,000
5 but less than 20,001;

6 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§1-A, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 74, §1, is
7 repealed.

8 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 172, §1, is further
9 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

10 The bureau may issue one additional agency liquor store license beyond those otherwise
11 authorized by this subsection in a municipality with a population of less than ~~10,000~~
12 15,000. The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other
13 related information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor
14 store license.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill increases from 6 to 7 the number of agency liquor stores the Department of
17 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery
18 Operations may license in a municipality with a population over 10,000 but less than
19 15,001.

20 Current law authorizes the bureau to issue one additional agency liquor store license in
21 a municipality with a population of less than 10,000, considering the impact of seasonal
22 population or tourism and other related information. The bill allows the bureau to issue
23 one additional agency liquor store license in a municipality with a population of less than
24 15,000.