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(e) Hydroelectric generators that meet all state and federal fish passage requirements applicable to the generator; ~~or~~

(f) Biomass generators that are fueled by wood ~~or~~, wood waste; or landfill gas ~~or~~ ~~anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, by products or wastes;~~ or

(g) Anaerobic digestion of by-products of waste from animals or agricultural crops, food or vegetative material, algae or organic refuse; or

(2) That relies on wind power installations.

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CHAPTER 221

S.P. 277 - L.D. 779

An Act To Increase the Minimum Population Requirement for a Municipality in Which the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations May Locate an Additional Agency Liquor Store

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 253, §1, is further amended to read:

2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores. Beginning July 1, 2009, the bureau may license up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 50,000; up to 8 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 20,000 but less than 50,001; up to 5 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 10,001 but less than 20,001; up to 4 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001; ~~and~~ up to 3 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but less than 5,001. ~~In addition, the bureau may establish; and one agency liquor store in a municipality where the population is less than 2,000. The bureau may issue one additional liquor store license beyond those otherwise 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 information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store ~~location~~ license.

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

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

2-D. Exception. If a retailer that is located in this State and has at least 5 locations licensed as an agency liquor store is sold or ownership is transferred to another company that will assume operation of some or all of the retailer's stores and that company submits an application for an agency liquor store license at some or all of those stores, the bureau may waive the requirement of subsection 2-C, paragraph A. The bureau may provide this waiver only if the applicant has held a license in another state to sell malt liquor and wine or spirits at retail for off-premises consumption, for at least one year prior to submitting the application, without a violation of the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in that state and can provide the bureau with documentation of financial success as determined by the bureau. The bureau may not provide this waiver when issuing an additional liquor store license in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 beyond the limit on the number of agency liquor stores authorized under subsection 2-A.

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CHAPTER 222

H.P. 632 - L.D. 912

An Act To Allow the Establishment of Regional Municipal Utility Districts To Support Broadband Communications

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2203, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Included powers. Without limiting the powers, privileges or authority that may be jointly or cooperatively exercised pursuant to this chapter, any 2 or more parties may enter into an agreement to establish a regional municipal utility district for any or all of the following purposes:

A. To provide or, through public-private partnerships, to support or promote the provision of any of the following:

- (1) Broadband services; and
- (2) Internet services; and