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Legal Affairs

BILL SUMMARY



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Office of Legislative Assistants State House, Station 13 Augusta, Maine 04333 (207) 289-2486 AN ACT TO CHANGE PRICE POSTING RE- Twitchell OTP-A-Acc QUIREMENTS FOR BEER AND TABLE WINE Shute PL 1983 SUPPLIERS Soucy c. 83
LaPlante

SUMMARY: Bottlers, certificate of approval holders and wholesalers must post sale prices for beer and wine with Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages; this had been required previously by the Bureau's rules, but a Supreme Court case led to concerns over possible federal antitrust liability if posting was not established by statute; requires 30-day advance notice of price changes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-15): Adds language requiring wholesaler to post all prices, even if sold to buyer other than a retail licensee; requires that all price changes be effective on the first day of a month and deletes confidentiality provision of bill. (H/S: Adopted)

NOTE: See LD 190 (90-day posting)

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE PETITION OF Charette M-OTP-A
LOCAL REFERENDUM BY THE STATE m-ONTP
LIQUOR COMMISSION H: adhered to
m. rep.
S. adhered to
M. rep.

SUMMARY: Municipality shall hold local option vote on whether state liquor store located there may be open on Sundays if State Liquor Commission requests that vote be held.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-19): Municipality may choose whether or not to hold local option vote once Commission requests it. (Maj. rep) (S:adopted)

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PERMISSIBLE Pray OTP-ND STATE DISCOUNT TO STATE AGENCY STORES See LD 1165
TO 12% UNDER THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
STATUTES

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE 10-MILE RADIUS Trafton ONTP
LIMIT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF Callahan H/S: Accepted
AGENCY LIQUOR STORES

SUMMARY: Eliminates restriction on licensing of agency liquor stores within 10 miles of state liquor store or agency store; eliminates limit on licensing new stores when previous state or agency store closes in area.