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House of Representatives, March 5, 2019

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

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, FECTION 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:**

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c.  
3 494, Pt. A, §31, is amended to read:

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

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

20 **SUMMARY**

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