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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraphs A to C (page 2, lines 1 to 6 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. The department may license up to 6 redemption centers in a municipality with a population over 30,000;

B. The department may license up to 4 redemption centers in a municipality with a population over 20,000 but no more than 30,000;

C. The department may license up to 3 redemption centers in a municipality with a population over 5,000 but no more than 20,000; and

D. The department may license no more than one redemption center in a municipality with a population of no more than 5,000.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 2, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "July" and inserting the following: 'September'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 4 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "department" the following: 'or an eating establishment that is licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provision of the bill that adds additional rulemaking language, as the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation already has rulemaking authority regarding the licensing and renewal of redemption centers. It also makes changes to the bill's requirements for the location and number of redemption centers in municipalities based on population. It also clarifies that eating establishments licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services are also exempt from the population size location requirements for redemption centers.