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House of Representatives, February 14, 2011

An Act To Allow Consumer Refunds or Exchanges of Unopened Bottles of Spirits

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford. Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, DION of Portland, FITTS of Pittsfield, RUSSELL of Portland, VALENTINO of Saco, Senators: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

2 Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §455-A is enacted to read:

3 §455-A. Return or exchange of spirits

4 <u>An agency liquor store may accept a bottle of spirits for exchange or return at the</u> 5 <u>purchase price if the bottle has not been opened or tampered with and is accompanied by</u> 6 <u>a receipt that shows it was purchased within the last 90 days from that agency liquor</u> 7 <u>store.</u>

- 8 SUMMARY
- 9 Currently, rules prohibit the return of spirits by a consumer unless the product is 10 defective. This bill authorizes agency liquor stores to accept spirits for exchange or 11 return of the purchase price under certain conditions.