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An Act To Extend the Hours for Sale and Delivery of Alcohol

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and
Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, CARTER of Bethel, HOLMAN of Fayette,
MARLEY of Portland, PATRICK of Rumford, PRESCOTT of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 21, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Hours for sale of liquor.** Except as provided in paragraphs A to D, licensees may
5 sell or deliver liquor from 6 a.m. on any day until ~~4~~ 3 a.m. of the following day.

6 A. Licensees may not sell liquor on Sunday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.

7 B. Licensees may sell liquor on January 1st of any year from 12 midnight to ~~2~~ 3
8 a.m.

9 (1) In areas in which liquor may be sold except on Sundays, if January 1st falls
10 on a Monday, licensees may sell or deliver liquor between 9 p.m. Sunday,
11 December 31st and ~~2~~ 3 a.m. January 1st, notwithstanding any local option
12 decisions to the contrary.

13 D. Wholesale licensees may sell or deliver liquor to licensed establishments from 4
14 a.m. on any day until ~~4~~ 3 a.m. the following day.

15 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 730, §14, is further
16 amended to read:

17 **2. Consumption and possession of liquor.** Except as provided in ~~paragraphs A and~~
18 paragraph B, licensees may not permit the consumption or possession of liquor on their
19 premises after ~~4:15~~ 3:15 a.m.

20 ~~A. Licensees may permit the consumption of liquor on their premises until 2:15~~
21 ~~a.m. on January 1st.~~

22 B. This subsection does not apply to consumption or possession by bona fide hotel
23 guests in their rooms.

24 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
25 amended to read:

26 **3. Regulation of bottle clubs.** ~~Except as provided in paragraph A, municipalities~~
27 Municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the hours of ~~4~~
28 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

29 ~~A. Municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the~~
30 ~~hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on January 1st.~~

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill allows liquor licensees to sell or deliver liquor from 6 a.m. on any day until
33 3 a.m. of the following day. Current law allows liquor licensees to sell or deliver liquor
34 from 6 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day.