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and upon payment of a reinstatement fee of \$25, and provided that there exists no cause, as set forth in this chapter, which may be considered grounds for suspension or revocation of a license.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 207

H. P. 669 — L. D. 773

AN ACT to Clarify and Make Corrections in the Liquor Laws.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Acts of previous Legislatures have resulted in certain technical errors and inconsistencies in the Revised Statutes, Title 28; and

Whereas, these errors and inconsistencies create uncertainties and confusion in interpreting legislative intent; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary such uncertainties and confusion be resolved in order to prevent any injustice or hardship on the citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

28 MRSA § 201-A is enacted to read:

§ 201-A. Notification of license expiration

A license holder who unintentionally fails to renew any license upon its expiration date and continues to make sales of intoxicating liquor is not chargeable with illegal sales pursuant to section 1055 for a period of 7 days following the expiration date. The commission shall notify the licensee by the most expedient means available that the license has expired and all sales of intoxicating liquors shall be suspended immediately and remain suspended until such time as the license is properly renewed. A licensee that continues to make sales of intoxicating liquors after having been properly notified of the expired license shall be charged with illegal sales pursuant to section 1055.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 24, 1981