

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
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ject to change pursuant to the provisions on adjustment of dollar amounts, section 1-106.

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## CHAPTER 138

H.P. 912 - L.D. 1303

AN ACT to Provide a License to Florists for  
Sale of Wine and Champagne in  
Connection with Floral Business.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA §2, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Florist or florist shop. "Florist" or "florist shop" means a store the primary business of which is the retail sale of flowers, cut flowers and arrangements of flowers and cut flowers.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §701, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 741, §21, is amended to read:

B. Class VII License, table wine only ..... \$125

(1) Class VII-A License -- optional license -- for retail stores ~~or~~, retail service organizations or florists shops without a stock of groceries worth \$1,000-wholesale value .....\$225

Sec. 3. 28 MRSA §701-A, sub-§7, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 741, §22, is amended to read:

A. Retail stores and retail service organizations -- sale of table wine for off-premise consumption only; and

Sec. 4. 28 MRSA §701-A, sub-§7, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. Florist shops - sale of table wine for off-premise consumption only.

Sec. 5. 28 MRSA c. 17, sub-c. III is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER III

VINOUS LIQUOR

§771. License for florists and florist shops

A license for sale and distribution of table wine by florist shops may be issued by the commission upon application and under such rules as the commission may prescribe. No license or licenses may be issued to any person who is not engaged in a bona fide florist shop business and no person licensed to sell table wine under this section may sell table wine for consumption on the premises where sold.

Licenses in an unincorporated place, where no local option vote is taken under section 103, require the approval of the county commissioners of the county.

No license may be issued to any new retail premise under this section unless it has been in operation as such for a period of at least 3 months immediately prior to the date of the application, or unless the applicant proves to the satisfaction of the commission that all proper standards and requirements of laws and rules of the commission have been met and the applicant has been a resident of the State for at least 6 months prior to filing his application.

All licensees under this section shall have and maintain an adequate stock of flowers, cut flowers and supplies used in the florist business, not including liquor, in no case less than \$1,000 wholesale value.

No licensee under this section may sell table wine except when incorporated into a floral arrangement the retail price of which is at least \$10 without the table wine, not including delivery charges.

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**CHAPTER 139**

S.P. 118 - L.D. 333

AN ACT to Preserve Affordable  
Telecommunications Equipment for  
Customers with Special Needs.