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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
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sioners as of the effective date of this paragraph as well as all applications filed on or after the effective date of this paragraph. This paragraph applies to an existing on-premise license that has been extended pending renewal. The municipal officers or the county commissioners shall take final action on an on-premise license that has been extended pending renewal within 120 days of the filing of the application.

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**CHAPTER 501**

**S.P. 706 - L.D. 1908**

**An Act to Prohibit the Consumption of Liquor by Minors on a Brewery Premises**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§1-A, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 623, §15, is amended to read:

B. The holder of a brewery license may permit sampling of the malt liquor product on the premises:

- (1) By employees for the purpose of quality control of the product;
- (2) By wholesalers for the purpose of determining whether to carry the brewery's product as a wholesale product, provided that the holder of the brewery license pays the excise tax on the product sampled according to section 1652; and
- (3) By the public in conjunction with a tour of the brewery's facilities, provided that:
  - (a) The holder of the brewery license pays the excise tax on the product sampled according to section 1652; and
  - (b) Minors are not permitted to consume ~~any product with an alcohol content greater than 1/2 of 1% or possess any liquor or imitation liquor as defined in section 2.~~

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§2, ¶A-1,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 730, §46, is further amended to read:

A-1. A holder of a small brewery license may permit sampling of the malt liquor product on the premises for the following purposes.

- (1) Employees may sample the product for the purpose of quality control of the product.
- (2) Wholesalers and retailers may sample the product for the purpose of determining whether to carry the product as a wholesale or retail product, provided that the holder of the small brewery license pays the excise tax on the product sampled according to section 1652.
- (3) The public may sample the product in conjunction with a tour of the brewery's facilities, provided that:

- (a) The holder of the small brewery license pays the excise tax on the product according to section 1652; and
- (b) Minors are not permitted to consume ~~any product with an alcohol content greater than 1/2 of 1% or possess any liquor or imitation liquor as defined in section 2.~~

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**CHAPTER 502**

**S.P. 717 - L.D. 1919**

**An Act to Allow Approval of Internet-based Alcohol Server Education Courses**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2519, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §166, is further amended to read:

**1. Approval of alcohol server education courses.** The commissioner ~~or the commissioner's designee~~ shall approve alcohol server education courses for a period of 2 years that meet the criteria developed under this section. The commissioner may renew approval provided the course meets the criteria applicable at the time of renewal.

Course providers may request renewal by submitting current course material at least 60 days prior to the date of expiration.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §2519, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read: