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9. It provides that, in order to receive a liquor license, a hotel must have a minimum of four guest rooms and be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services. It authorizes licensed hotels to permit consumers to transport liquor to individual guest rooms.
10. It amends the bureau's annual reporting requirements to provide statements regarding lottery operations and liquor licensing operations for the preceding fiscal year rather than the calendar year.
11. It provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, a licensee or an applicant for a license may not receive, directly or indirectly, cash or gift cards in any amount. It prohibits the bureau from imposing a limit on the amount of things of value that are in use by a licensee at any one time, as long as the thing of value was given to a licensee in accordance with the law.
12. It allows a wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder, including on behalf of a brand the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder supplies or manufactures, to enter into advertising and sponsorship agreements with licensed venues. It defines "brand" as a product name of malt liquor, wine or spirit authorized for sale in the State by a wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder. It authorizes naming rights, event sponsorships and co-branded promotions under specified conditions, including reporting requirements, written agreements and safeguards to ensure availability of competing products.
13. It clarifies the ability for restaurants to serve canned cocktails.
14. It amends the section of law governing signage restrictions for liquor licensees.

Public Law 2025, chapter 230 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 600 An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 114 requires the Secretary of State to automatically initiate a recount when there is an apparent tie vote in an election. It allows any candidate other than the apparent winner to file a request for a recount with the Secretary of State. It requires the municipal clerk to automatically initiate a recount in the case of a tie vote when a secret ballot is used for the election of town officials or for municipal referenda elections at a town meeting.

LD 631 An Act to Allow a Home Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade Spirituous Liquor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 313 allows the owner of a home distillery to produce distilled spirits solely for personal use, including, but not limited to, personal consumption or serving the product