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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Create the Department of Alcoholic Beverages.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 28, § 51, repealed and replaced.** Section 51 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 51. Director; appointment**

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage, hereinafter in this Title called the "department" is established.

The head of the department shall be the **Director of Alcoholic Beverages**, hereinafter in this Title called the "director," who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council to serve for a term of 4 years, except that the term of the first director appointed under this Act shall be for the balance of the calendar year 1967 and 4 years thereafter. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. The compensation of the director shall be \$18,000 per year.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 28, § 52. amended.** Section 52 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 52. Eligibility of director and employees**

No person shall be eligible for appointment as a ~~member of the commission~~ **director** or as an employee of the ~~commission~~ **department** in any capacity, including the business administrator, who has any connection with, official, professional or otherwise, or who owns any stock in a corporation interested either directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of liquor or who has been convicted of the breach of any state or federal law regulating the manufacture, sale

or transportation of intoxicating liquor. **Neither the director, nor any employee, shall accept directly or indirectly any samples, gratuities, favors or anything of value from a manufacturer, seller brewer or licensee or any representative of the same.**

**The director shall be qualified by training or practical experience in business administration in an executive capacity.**

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 28, § 53, repealed.** Section 53 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 28, § 55, amended.** The first paragraph of section 55 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The ~~commission~~ **Department of Alcoholic Beverages** shall have the following powers and duties:

**Sec. 5. Application.** Wherever in this Title the word "commission" appears it shall mean "department" and wherever in this Title the word "commissioner" appears, it shall mean "director".