

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 402

H. P. 302

House of Representatives, January 27, 1971

Referred to Committee on Liquor Control. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Definition of Class A Restaurant Under Liquor Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 28, § 2, sub-§ 18, amended. The 4th sentence of subsection 18 of section 2 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 247 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

In cities and towns having a population of more than 10,000, but less than 20,000 ~~or less~~, year-round class A restaurants must do a minimum of \$40,000 per year in sale and service of food to the public on their premises; as a requirement for a part-time license not in excess of 6 consecutive months, part-time licensees must do a minimum of \$25,000 business in sale or service of food to the public on their premises.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 28, § 2, sub-§ 18, amended. Subsection 18 of section 2 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end of the 4th sentence, the following new sentences:

In cities and towns having a population of more than 5,000, but less than 10,000, year-round class A restaurants must do a minimum of \$20,000 per year in sale and service of food to the public on their premises; as a requirement for a part-time license not in excess of 6 consecutive months, part-time licensees must do a minimum of \$12,000 business in sale or service of food to the public on their premises. In cities, towns, and unincorporated places having a population of 5,000 or less, year-round class A restaurants must do a minimum of \$10,000 per year in sale and service of food to the public on their premises; as a requirement for a part-time license not in excess of 6 consecutive months, part-time licensees must do a minimum of \$6,000 business in sale or service of food to the public on their premises.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make it easier to qualify for a class A restaurant liquor license in less populated places. The law at the present time favors the larger municipalities of the State.