

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 450

In Senate, March 12, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Permitting the Liquor Commission to Issue Liquor Licenses to  
Public Golf Courses.**

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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-§ 15-A, additional.** Section 2 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 15-A to read as follows:

**15-A. Public golf course.** "Public golf course" shall mean any established golf course operated by responsible persons of good reputation, where golf is played and where the public for a consideration obtains access to the use of the golf course and the facilities associated therewith for the purpose of playing golf.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 28, § 701, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 701 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by inserting after the 6th line the following:

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| Public golf course—Spirituous and vinous ..... | 400.00 |
| Public golf course—Malt liquor .....           | 200.00 |

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 28, § 752, amended.** The first sentence of section 752 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No license to sell malt liquor to be consumed on the premises where sold shall be issued to any person for any premises, except a bona fide hotel, restaurant, **public golf course**, tavern or club, nor unless the application therefor be approved by the municipal officers of the city or town where such hotel, restaurant, **public golf course**, tavern or club is located, and if such hotel,

restaurant, **public golf course**, tavern or club is located in an unorganized place, the application shall be approved by the county commissioners of the county within which such unorganized place is located.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 28, § 801, amended.** The first sentence of section 801 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 144 of the public laws of 1965 and by section 12 of chapter 500 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Licenses for the sale of spirituous and vinous liquor ~~and~~, malt liquor and **table wines** to be consumed on the premises where sold may be issued to clubs and to bona fide hotels, restaurants, **public golf courses**, vessels, railroad dining cars and airlines on payment of the fees provided; subject to the condition that the application therefor be approved by the municipal officers of the town or city in which such intended licensee, if operating a club, **public golf course**, restaurant or hotel, is operating the same, and if said hotel, **public golf course**, restaurant or club is located in an unorganized place said application shall be approved by the county commissioners of the county, within which such unorganized place is located; and subject to the further condition that licenses issued to restaurants, except class A restaurants, shall be limited to malt liquor or wine, or both.

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 28, § 807, additional.** Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 807 to read as follows:

**§ 807. Holders of public golf course license**

Licenses issued to public golf courses shall only be issued to the person, firm or corporation, which owns or operates the golf course, or both.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

At the present time there is no provision in the law to allow the issuing of liquor licenses to golf courses which are open to the public.

This legislation would permit the Liquor Commission to issue licenses to such courses.