

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 302

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S. P. 125

In Senate, January 23, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Olfene of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Hearings for Applications for Liquor Licenses.**

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

**R. S., T. 28, § 252, amended.** The first paragraph of section 252 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 314 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

The municipal officers, or in case of unincorporated places the county commissioners of the county wherein such unincorporated place is located, shall hold a public hearing for the consideration of all **new** applications for liquor licenses requiring their approval, **or where the municipal officers or county commissioners deem it necessary, on applications for renewal of licenses requiring their approval.** ~~after giving~~ **Prior public notice of any such hearings shall be given** at the applicant's expense, which shall be prepaid, by causing a notice, stating the name and business address of the applicant and the time and place of hearing, to be printed for at least 6 consecutive days prior to the date of hearing in a daily newspaper published in the city or town in which the premises proposed to be licensed are situated; or, if no daily newspaper is so published, the notice shall be printed for 2 consecutive weeks prior to the date of hearing in any newspaper published in such city or town, or, if no newspaper is published in such city or town, the notice shall be printed for at least 6 consecutive days in a daily newspaper having general circulation in the city or town in which the premises are situated or for 2 consecutive weeks prior to the date of hearing in any newspaper published in that county.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This would eliminate an expensive and time consuming delay for the licensees and would relieve municipalities and counties of many unnecessary hearings. It does provide the municipal officers and county commissioners with the opportunity to hold these hearings if they deem it necessary.