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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Authorizing Municipal Auditoriums to Have a Liquor License.**

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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 R. S., T. 28, § 2, sub-§ 16, amended.** Subsection 16 of section 2 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 363 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

**Premise or premises shall include municipally-owned and operated auditoriums or civic centers. However, there shall be no sales of malt liquor, wine or spirits permitted during any school activities or events primarily attended by minors in the rooms where these activities are taking place.**

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 28, § 2, sub-§ 14-B, additional.** Section 2 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 14-B, to read as follows:

**14-B. Municipal auditorium. "Municipal auditorium" shall mean a municipally-owned and operated auditorium or civic center.**

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 28, § 101, sub-§ 14, additional.** Section 101 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 14, to read as follows:

**14. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale herein of malt liquor (beer, ale and other malt liquors), wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of a municipal auditorium?**

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 28, § 701, amended.** Section 701 of Title 28 of the Revised

Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following:

<b>Municipal auditorium—Malt liquor</b> .....	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Municipal auditorium—Spirituous and vinous</b> .....	<b>\$750</b>

**Sec. 5. 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, tavern, ~~or~~ club or municipal auditorium, nor unless the application therefor be approved by the municipal officers of the city or town where such hotel, restaurant, tavern, ~~or~~ club or municipal auditorium is located, and if such hotel, restaurant, 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. 6. R. S., T. 28, § 752, amended.** Section 752 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

**Licenses granted to municipal auditoriums may only be used in conjunction with a function or event held on the licensed premises and the licensee must notify the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement at least 24 hours in advance of such a function or event.**

**Sec. 7. 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 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 to be consumed on the premises where sold may be issued to clubs and to bona fide hotels, restaurants, vessels, railroad dining cars, ~~and~~ airlines **and municipal auditoriums** 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, restaurant, ~~or~~ hotel or municipal auditorium is operating the same, and if said hotel, 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. 8. R. S., T. 28, § 801, amended.** Section 801 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 144 of the public laws of 1969 and section 12 of chapter 500 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

**Licenses granted to municipal auditoriums may only be used in conjunction with a function or event held on the licensed premises and the licensee must notify the Liquor Commission at least 24 hours in advance of such a function or event.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Bill is reflected in the Title.