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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1123

H. P. 913

House of Representatives, March 19, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco. (By Request)

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Authorize Class A Taverns to Serve Spirituous and Vinous Liquors.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 22-A, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 152, is further amended to read:

“Class A tavern” shall mean a reputable place operated by responsible persons of good reputation where food may be sold and **spirituous, vinous** and malt liquors or **malt liquors only** are sold at tables, booths and counters, and where no minors shall be permitted to remain on the licensed premises.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 101, sub-§ 3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Shall licenses be granted in this municipality or unincorporated place for the sale herein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of class A taverns where malt liquor is presently permitted to be sold?

Sec. 3. 28 MRSA § 701, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 222, § 2, is further amended by inserting after the 16th line the following:

Tavern, class A—Spirituous and vinous liquor 750

Sec. 4. Transition. The first election to be held on the question contained in section 2 shall be held at the next state-wide special or general election following the effective date of this Act and the question specified in section 2 of this Act shall be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the electors of each municipality or unincorporated place in this State in which class A taverns are presently permitted to sell malt liquor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes class A taverns to serve spirituous and vinous liquors in any municipality currently permitting class A taverns to sell malt liquor which vote affirmatively to permit that service, provided that the taverns purchase a license to serve spirituous and vinous liquors and provided they comply with all other aspects of the statutes concerning alcoholic beverages.