

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 420

In Senate, April 1, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT to Adjust Liquor License Fees.

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

28 MRSA § 701, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 749, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 701. Fees

Fees for full-year licenses shall be:

Hotels, class A restaurants and clubs — Spirituous and vinous, in cities and towns having a population of 10,000 or more serving meals ..... \$ 600

Hotels and clubs — Spirituous and vinous, in cities and towns having population of 10,000 or more either serving or not serving meals 1,000

Hotels, class A restaurants and clubs — Spirituous and vinous in cities and towns having population of less than 10,000 serving meals ... 300

Hotels and clubs — Spirituous and vinous, in cities and towns having population of less than 10,000 either serving or not serving meals 500

Population shall be determined according to each Federal Decennial Census as shown by any official report authorized by the Federal Census Act and shall apply to the licensing period next following such official report.

Hotel, class A restaurants and clubs — Malt liquor ..... \$ 200

Public service — Spirituous and vinous ..... 600

Public service — Malt liquor ..... 200

Public service — Airlines — Spirituous and vinous .....	\$1,000
Public service — Airlines — Malt liquor .....	200
Restaurant — Malt liquor only .....	200
Restaurant — Vinous only .....	200
Restaurant — Malt liquor and vinous .....	400
Tavern — Malt liquor only .....	300
Tavern, class A — Malt liquor only .....	400
Retail store — Malt liquor only	
If merchandise is groceries only .....	100
If other stock of merchandise .....	200
Retail store — Table wine only	
If merchandise is groceries only .....	200
If other stock of merchandise .....	300
Retail food service organizations	
Malt liquor .....	200
Wine .....	250

Any club maintaining a dining room and catering either privately or for functions to a group of nonmembers of the club, and any club with dining rooms letting rooms to nonmembers, must pay the same fee as required of a hotel located in the same municipality.

The commission may grant part-time licenses for a period not in excess of 6 consecutive months from date of issuance by the commission, and golf courses as defined in section 2, subsection 16 may only be granted such part-time licenses.

Fees for part-time licenses shall be:

Part-time — Hotels, class A restaurants and clubs — Spirituous and vinous — ½ full-time fee at their location, plus \$50	
Part-time — Hotels, class A restaurants, restaurants and clubs — Malt liquor only .....	\$ 125
Part-time — Tavern — Malt liquor only .....	175
Part-time — Tavern, class A — Malt liquor only .....	225
Part-time — Golf courses — Spirituous and vinous .....	375
Part-time — Golf courses — Malt liquor only .....	150

However, notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, the commission may grant an extension to a part-time licensee, not in excess of 2 months, to those licensees who may wish to extend their season. License fees for this extension shall be set by the commission.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may grant part-time golf course licenses in any municipality which has previously voted affirmatively on questions 2 and 4 of section 101.

One public service license shall be sufficient to cover all steamboats, cars and aircraft operated by any one owner.

All full-year licenses shall be issued for one year from date of issuance and the prescribed fee shall accompany the application for the license.

Licenses may be renewed upon application therefor and payment of the annual fee, subject to commission rules and regulations.

Every applicant for an original or renewal malt liquor license shall remit with his application a filing fee of \$10, except in unorganized places the filing fee of \$10 shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which the unincorporated place is located, and all such applications for license in unincorporated places shall be accompanied by evidence of payment of filing fee to the county treasurer.

Any licensee applying for license to operate more than one premise shall pay the fee prescribed for the type of license to be exercised at each such premise.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to equalize license fees in the various categories issued by the Liquor Commission. Some have been raised, some lowered and some remain the same. Revenue to the State will remain about the same.