

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2072

H. P. 1892

House of Representatives, January 23, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bowie of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Permit a Manufacturer of Alcoholic Beverages to be a
Stockholder in a Corporation which is a Licensee.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 304, 2nd sentence is amended to read:

It shall be unlawful for any licensee or any applicant for license, directly or indirectly, to receive any money, credit, thing of value, indorsement of commercial paper, guarantee of credit or financial assistance of any sort from any person, association or corporation within or without the State, if such person, association or corporation shall be engaged, directly or indirectly, in the ~~manufacture distribution sale, storage or transportation~~ of liquor; or if such person, association or corporation shall be engaged in the ~~manufacture distribution, sale or transportation~~ of any commodity, equipment, material or advertisement used in connection with the ~~manufacture distribution sale, storage or transportation~~ of liquor.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 304, 3rd sentence, as amended by PL 1969, c. 360, § 12, is further amended to read:

No Maine retail liquor licensee shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any Maine ~~manufacturer's or wholesaler's~~ license or certificate of approval issued to an out-of-state manufacturer or foreign wholesaler of malt liquor or table wine; and no out-of-state manufacturer or foreign wholesaler having a state certificate of approval, nor any state wholesale ~~or manufacturing~~ licensee, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any state retail liquor license.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits a manufacturer of alcoholic beverages to be a stockholder in another corporation holding a license to retail alcoholic beverages. If a manufacturer of alcoholic beverages should be successful in purchasing a hotel or resort, under present law he would not be able to offer alcoholic beverages at that resort. This bill will eliminate this prohibition.