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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2223, L.D. 2311, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Statutes Concerning Alcoholic Beverages."

Amend said Bill in section 26 by inserting in that part designated "§701-A." in subsections 1, 2, 3 and 4, after the lettered paragraph "C.", the following:

'D. Clubs with ~~catering~~ privileges;'

Further amend said Bill in section 26 by relettering the lettered paragraphs in subsections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of that part designated "§701-A." to read consecutively.

Further amend said Bill in the last line of section 33 by inserting after the underlined figure "3" the underlined word 'consecutive'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 34 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 34. 28 MRSA c. 23 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

CHAPTER 23

SALE OF FOOD PRODUCTS WITH A HIGH ALCOHOLIC CONTENT

§951. Restrictions

1. Sales of foods with alcohol restricted. Food Products with an alcoholic content greater than 1/2 of 1% by volume shall

be offered for sale only on premises licensed by the Maine State Liquor Commission as defined in section 2, which is in full force and effect.

2. Consumers of foods with liquor restricted. It shall be illegal to sell to minors or for minors to consume foods with an alcoholic content greater than 1/2 of 1 % by volume, except in the presence of a parent or guardian.

§952. Penalties

Any violation of this chapter shall be deemed a Class E crime.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to clarify the bill and to add provisions that will strengthen the law. One provision in the amendment proposes to restrict the sale of foods with a high alcoholic content to minors. According to the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement there are a few foods which have an alcoholic content as high as 1.7 % by volume which is equivalent to half a can of beer. Minors under the age of 18 years presently can purchase these foods and utilize them as a drug.

Filed by Mr. Pierce of Waterville.

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