

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 232, L.D. 295, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Licensing of Bottle Clubs."

Amend the Bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §4, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, §2, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

A bottle club licensed under this Title may permit the consumption of liquors on the bottle club premises between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph of that part designated "§201-A." of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'No person, firm or corporation, not licensed under this Title, shall keep, maintain, operate, lease or otherwise furnish to its members and guests or to the general public any bottle club or premises, building or place wherein such members, guests or other persons shall engage in the drinking of alcoholic liquors for a fee or any consideration, including any admission charge, charges for food, mixers or other fluids used with alcoholic drinks or the storage of alcoholic beverages.

the prohibition of this section shall not apply to any bottle club or person operating a premise, building or place, when the person is a nonprofit social and recreational organization, as defined in section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or where the person owns and maintains his own facilities or building, owns no less than 10 acres contiguous to the facilities

and buildings and uses the facilities, buildings and land for recreational purposes.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph of subsection 7 of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'7. Fees for licenses. Fees for licenses for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises shall be as follows:

A. Class VIII License--Bottle Clubs.....\$100'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 7.

Further amend the Bill by renumbering sections 2 to 6 to be sections 3 to 7.

Statement of Fact

from the licensing requirements of this bill  
This amendment exempts/recreational and social organizations that are nonprofit and tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code, and recreational facilities that own and maintain 10 or more contiguous acres for recreational purposes.

The amendment also allows licensed bottle clubs to operate until 5 a. m., removes part-time license fees and excludes apartments from the regulations.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Liquor Control.

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