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Reported by two members of the Committee on Liquor Control in Report
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MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Raising the Age of Persons who may Purchase Alcoholic Beverages
or Sell as Licensees to 19 Years of Age.**

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Adult. "Adult" shall mean a person who has attained the age of 19 years or over.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 11, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, § 1, is amended to read:

11. Minor. "Minor" shall mean a person who has not attained his ~~18th~~ 19th birthday.

Sec. 3. 28 MRSA § 201, first 4 sentences, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 598, § 55, are further amended to read:

No license shall be issued to any natural person unless such person shall be at least ~~18~~ 19 years of age and is a citizen of the United States and of this State. A part-time or 6 months' license, as authorized by law, may be issued to any natural person who is at least ~~18~~ 19 years of age and is a citizen of the United States. No license shall be issued to a partnership or to an association unless all persons having an interest therein are at least ~~18~~ 19 years of age and are citizens of the United States and of this State. A part-time or 6 months' license, as authorized by law, may be issued to a partnership or association if all persons having an interest therein are at least ~~18~~ 19 years of age and are citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would raise the age of a person who desires to purchase alcoholic beverages from 18 to 19. It would also require that all licensees must be at least 19 years of age.