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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 252, L.D. 297, Bill, "AN ACT to Permit Performing Arts Centers to Serve Alcoholic Beverages."

Amend the bill in the title by inserting after the word "Centers" the following: 'and Inns'

Further amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 28 MRSA §2, sub-§8, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. Inn. "Inn" means any reputable place operated by responsible persons of good reputation where the public, for a consideration, obtain sleeping accommodations and where meals may be served to those using the accommodations, but not open to the general public, such establishment consisting of 10 or less adequate sleeping rooms.

(1) Inn guest. "Inn guest" means a person whose name and address is registered on the registry maintained by the inn and who is a bona fide occupant of a room of the inn. A person registered solely for the purpose of obtaining liquor is not deemed an inn guest.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out in the beginning of the first line the following: "Sec. 1." and inserting in its place the following: 'Sec. 1-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 5-A. 28 MRSA §701-A, sub-§5, ¶A is amended to read:

A. Clubs without catering privileges; and

Sec. 5-B. 28 MRSA §701-A, sub-§5, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. Inns.'

Further amend the bill in section 6 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'No other license to sell malt liquor
to be consumed on the premises where sold shall be issued to/^{any perso}for
any premises, except a bona fide hotel, inn, restaurant, tavern,
club, qualified catering service ~~or~~, civic auditorium, or perform-
ing arts centers, nor unless the application therefor be approved
by the municipal officers of the city or town where such hotel,
inn, restaurant, tavern, club, qualified catering service ~~or~~,
civic auditorium or performing arts centers is located, and if
such hotel, inn, restaurant, tavern or club or qualified catering
service is located in an unorganized place, the application
shall be approved by the county commissioners of the county within
which such unorganized place is located.'

Further amend the bill in section 7 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Licenses for the sale of spirituous and vinous liquor and malt liquor to be consumed on the premises where sold may be issued to clubs and to bona fide qualified catering services, hotels, inns, restaurants, vessels, railroad dining cars, airlines, to incorporated civic organizations pursuant to section 801-B and civic auditoriums and performing arts centers on payment of the fees provided; subject to the provisions of section 252 and to the condition that the initial application therefor be approved by the municipal officers of the town or city in which such intended licensee, if operating a qualified catering service, club, restaurant, hotel, inn or municipal auditorium is operating the same, and if said qualified catering service, hotel, inn, restaurant or club is located in an unorganized place, said application shall be approved by the county commissioners of the county, within such unorganized place is located, and subject to the further condition that licenses issued to restaurants, except class A restaurants, shall be limited to malt liquor or wine, or both.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a new alcoholic beverage license classification for "inns." "Inns" would include establishments with sleeping accommodations for 10 or fewer people.