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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-529)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 469, L.D. 576, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Provide for Licensing of Bottle Clubs."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

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

A-1. Bottle club. "Bottle club" shall mean any person operating on a regular basis a premise for social activities in which members or guests provide their own alcoholic beverages, and where no alcoholic beverages are sold on the premises. A bottle club shall maintain suitable quarters for the use of members and guests, charge and collect annual dues from its members on a regular basis or charge an admission fee to members or to the general public.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §4, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, §2, is amended by inserting at the end the following new sentences:

A bottle club defined in section 2 may not be open between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., except for January 1st, when it may not be open between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Drinking liquor in a bottle club shall not be a violation of Title 17, section 2003, which prohibits drinking in public places.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Define bottle clubs;
2. Prevent bottle clubs from operating from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.; and
3. Exempt bottle clubs from the prohibition against drinking in public places.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs  
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