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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" 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 first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

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

1-A. Bottle club. "Bottle club" means 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 maintains suitable quarters for the use of members on a regular basis or charges an admission fee to members or to the general public. A bottle club is not a public place, as defined in Title 17, section 2003.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §4, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, §2, is amended by inserting at the end the following new sentences: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. A bottle club may be open between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., or specified hours between those times, in municipalities and unorganized places which have voted affirmatively on section 101, subsection 9. This vote will be by a vote of the electors or as directed by the municipal charter.

Sec. 3. 28 MRSA §101, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Shall this municipality or unincorporated place authorize the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of bottle clubs between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. or the following specified hours between those times?'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment are to:

1. Define bottle clubs;
2. Make clear a bottle club is not a public place; and
3. Require the vote to be by public referendum or as directed by the municipality's charter.

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