

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" 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Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §4, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, §2, is amended by inserting at the end the following sentence;  
Municipalities shall have the power to regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs as defined in section 2 between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on January 1st and between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on other days.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Define bottle clubs;
2. Make clear a bottle club is not a public place; and
3. Allow municipalities to regulate the hours of bottle clubs between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on January 1st and 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. <sup>on</sup> other days.

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