

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1014

H. P. 851

House of Representatives, February 25, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Permit the On-premise Consumption of Beer and Wine by Persons 18 Years of Age or Older.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 11, as amended by PL 1977, c. 23, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

11. Minor. "Minor" means a person who has not attained his 18th birthday in order to consume malt liquor or table wine on the premises of licensed establishments and who has not attained his 20th birthday in order to consume or purchase all other liquor. "Minor" also means a person who has not attained his 20th birthday in order to own in part or in full or to operate a licensed establishment as defined in subsection 8.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 303, 2nd ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 23, § 5, is further amended to read:

No licensee, by himself, clerk, servant or agent entitled to sell malt liquor or table wine not to be consumed on the premises, shall sell, furnish, give or deliver such malt liquor or table wine to any person visibly intoxicated, to any mentally ill person, to a known habitual drunkard, to any pauper, to persons of known intemperate habits or to any minor under the age of 20 years, **except that malt liquor or table wine may be served to persons 18 years of age or older for consumption on the premises.**

Sec. 3. 28 MRSA § 1060, first sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 23, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Any resident of the State or nonresident in the State 18 years of age or over may make application to the State Liquor Commission for an adult identification card for the consumption of malt liquor or table wine on the premises of a licensed establishment upon a form provided by the commission.

Sec. 4. 28 MRSA § 1060, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 564, § 104, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

Any resident of the State or nonresident in the State 20 years of age or over may make application to the State Liquor Commission for any adult identification card upon a form provided by the commission.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit persons 18 to 20 years of age to consume beer and table wine on the premises of licensed establishments.