

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1343**

H. P. 1126

House of Representatives, March 17, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Small of Bath.

Cosponsor: Representative Stover of West Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT Concerning Performance Standards for Renewing a Liquor License.**

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

28 MRSA § 252-A is enacted to read:

**§ 252-A. Criteria on renewal**

**Municipal officers, county commissioners or the State Liquor Commission, as the case may be, shall make the following determinations when reviewing applications for renewals of liquor licenses. An affirmative finding on any ground is sufficient cause not to renew:**

- 1. Nuisance. Whether the licensed establishment is a public nuisance, endangering the safety of persons in, or on areas surrounding, the establishment;**
- 2. Lack of cooperation. Whether the licensed establishment has cooperated with local law enforcement officers in reporting or giving evidence concerning disruptions or violations of law occurring on the premises;**
- 3. Prevented disruptions. Whether the licensed establishment has made any effort to prevent disruptions or violations of law occurring on the premises; and**
- 4. Compliance. Whether the licensed establishment has observed compliance with the provisions of this Title.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides standards that can be used to determine whether a licensed establishment should have its license renewed.