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H. P. 1274

House of Representatives, March 26, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tarbell of Bangor.

Cosponsors: Representative Drinkwater of Belfast, Senator Shute of Waldo,
Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on Vessels.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 802, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 273, § 3, is further amended to read:

Such license granted to any vessel corporation operating boats within the State shall authorize the holder thereof to sell spirituous and vinous liquors and malt liquor in such boats ~~only~~ after leaving and before reaching ports within the State. **A licensee is authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on board a vessel which is in port, only if prior approval for the sale is obtained from the commission pursuant to the license application procedure set forth in section 252.**

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 802, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 500, § 13, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

A separate license must be obtained for each port location from which on board sales of alcoholic beverages are to be made.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Current law permits the sale of alcoholic beverages on board vessels under way in Maine waters. This bill permits the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on board vessels while those vessels are in port. This licensing would still require the traditional local and state approval before such sales could be made.