

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (After Deadline)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 1937

8 S. P. 829 In Senate, February 9, 1982
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

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11 **STATE OF MAINE**
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13 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
14 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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16 **AN ACT to Amend the Definition of Table**
17 **Wine.**
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 28 MRSA §2, sub-§20, as repealed and replaced by PL
21 1975, c. 741, §1, is amended to read:

22 20. Table wine. "Table wine" means any wine contain-
23 ing not more than ~~14%~~ 14.5% alcohol by volume, including
24 sparkling wines.

25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 The statutes define wine as any liquor produced by
27 natural fermentation. Several wineries have changed their
28 fermentation process so that the alcoholic content sometimes
29 exceeds the statutory limit of 14%. Some Maine wholesalers
30 have had wine shipped to them with an alcoholic content of

1 14.2%. Passage of this bill would make it possible for them
2 to legally sell this wine.

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