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Legislative Docur	ment	No. 1070
H.P. 833	House of F	Representatives, March 4, 1983
Referred to the ordered printed.	e Committee on Legal Affairs	. Sent up for concurrence and
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	STATE OF MAINE	
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AN AC	T Concerning the Dis Table Wines.	tribution of
Be it enacted follows:	l by the People of th	e State of Maine as
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1 Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §667, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL
2 1981, c. 572, is amended to read:

Each holder of a certificate of approval shall file with his application a list giving the name and address of each bottler and wholesale dealer authorized to distribute products of malt or brewed beverages distributed by that certificate holder and designating the exclusive territory assigned to each wholesaler within the State. Wholesalers shall not sell those products malt or brewed beverages to licensees outside of the exclusive territory so allocated and designated, unless previously authorized by the bureau.

Sec. 3. 28 MRSA §667, as amended by PL 1981, c. 572, is further amended by inserting before the last paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, the provisions of this Title relating to exclusive distributorship territories shall apply only to distribution of malt or brewed beverages by wholesalers and not to the distribution of table wines, which may be distributed without regard to territory.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow retail sellers of table wines free choice in selecting their distributors. This changes the present law which requires retailers to deal exclusively with a designated wholesaler for that territory. Registration of dealers is still required in order to provide the information necessary to enforce the liquor laws.

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