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1	L.D. 1273
2	(Filing No. S- 86)
3 4 5 6	STATE OF MAINE SENATE 111TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
7 8 9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 420, L.D. 1273, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Drinking in Public."
10 11 12 13	Amend the Bill in that part designated "§2003-A." in subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "and"
14 15 16 17 18	Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§2003." in subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (3), division (c) in the last line (page 2, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word and punctuation "therewith." and inserting in its place the underlined words and punctuation 'therewith; and'
20 21 22	Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§2003." in subsection 1, paragraph C by inserting at the end the following:
23 24 25 26 27 28	'(4) A place otherwise within the defini- tion in subparagraph (1) or subparagraph (3) shall not be considered a public place during a private event or gathering to which there is no access by the public at large.'
29 30 31 32 33 34	Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§2003-A." in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "section" the following underlined punctuation and words ', after being forbidden to do so personally by a law enforcement officer,'

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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 420, L.D. 1273

1	STATEMENT OF FACT
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	This amendment makes clear that a governmentally-owned or privately-owned place that is otherwise within the definition of "public place" is not considered a public place during a private event or gathering to which there is no access to the public at large. This includes such events as wedding receptions, birthday celebrations and other parties where guests are by private invitation only and the general public is excluded.
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	The amendment also adds a provision requiring a personal warning by a law enforcement officer, as exists in the current law. If a person receives this personal warning against drinking in a public place and continues to drink or continues his possession of an open container of liquor, which is prima facie evidence of a violation, then the law enforcement officer may charge him with the offense of public drinking.
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