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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Senator Najarian of Cumberland from the Committee on
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Senator Sewall of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Senator Perkins of Hancock.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning the Licensing of Small
Maine Breweries.

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

28 MRSA §501, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Small Maine breweries. Small Maine brew-
eries shall pay an annual license fee of \$50.

For purposes of this section, "small Maine brewery"
means a facility that is brewing, lagering and
kegging, bottling or packaging its own malt liquors
within the State. If an inadequate amount of agri-
cultural products used for raw materials exists with-
in the State, a holder of a small Maine brewery li-
cence may file an affidavit and application with the
Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages setting forth the un-
availability of raw materials within the State and
requesting permission to import those agricultural

1 products from out-of-state. If the bureau finds that
2 there is in fact an inadequate supply of raw materi-
3 als within the State, it may authorize that importa-
4 tion.

5 A holder of a small Maine brewery license may produce
6 malt liquors containing 25% or less alcohol by volume
7 in an amount not to exceed 50,000 gallons per year,
8 or their metric equivalent.

9 A holder of a small Maine brewery license may sell,
10 on the premises during regular business hours, malt
11 liquors produced at the brewery by the bottle, case
12 or in bulk.

13 A holder of a small Maine brewery license may sell or
14 deliver his product to licensed retailers and whole-
15 salers. In addition, he may sell, on the premises
16 for consumption off the premises, malt liquors pro-
17 duced at the brewery by the bottle, case or in bulk
18 to licensed retailers, including, but not limited to,
19 retail stores, restaurants and clubs.

20 A holder of a small Maine brewery license may apply
21 for one license for the sale of liquor for on-premise
22 consumption for a location other than the brewery.

23 A holder of a small Maine brewery license may list on
24 product labels and in its advertising the list of the
25 ingredients and the product's average percentage of
26 the recommended daily allowances of nutritional re-
27 quirements.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This new draft provides for the licensing of small Maine breweries to encourage, develop and improve the marketability of indigenous malt liquors.

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The new draft defines a small Maine brewery as a facility which brews, lagers and kegs, bottles or packages its own malt liquor products. These malt liquors must contain 25% or less alcohol by volume, and the small Maine brewery may produce not more than 50,000 gallons a year.

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