

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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8 H.P. 1628

House of Representatives, March 31, 1986

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Diamond of Bangor.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Michael of Auburn, Representative  
Lebowitz of Bangor and Senator Baldacci of Penobscot.

13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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18 AN ACT to Provide a Liquor License for  
19 Auditoriums.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 28 MRSA §2, sub-§8, ¶A-1 is enacted to  
24 read:

25 A-1. "Auditorium" means any commercially oper-  
26 ated facility, whether publicly or privately  
27 owned, designed or used for the gathering of an  
28 audience for speeches and performances of thea-  
29 ter, music, dance or other performing arts, which  
30 charges a fee and which has adequate facilities  
31 for the sale and consumption of malt and vinous  
32 liquors.

33 Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §701-A, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted  
34 to read:

1           A-1. Auditorium;

2           Sec. 3. 28 MRSA §701-A, sub-§3, ¶A-1 is enacted  
3 to read:

4           A-1. Auditorium;

5           Sec. 4. 28 MRSA §701-A, sub-§4, ¶A-1 is enacted  
6 to read:

7           A-1. Auditorium;

8           Sec. 5. 28 MRSA §811 is enacted to read:

9           §811. Sales at auditoriums

10           1. Issue of licenses. Licenses for the sale of  
11 malt liquor and vinous liquors to be consumed on the  
12 premises may be issued to auditoriums, as defined in  
13 section 2, subsection 8, paragraph A-1.

14           2. No sales at events for children. No liquor  
15 may be sold at an auditorium at any event primarily  
16 involving primary or secondary school children.

17           3. Conditions on sales. No liquor may be sold in  
18 the audience seating area at an auditorium.

19           4. Sunset. This section; section 2, subsection  
20 8, paragraph A-1; section 701-A, subsection 1, para-  
21 graph A-1; section 701-A, subsection 3, paragraph  
22 A-1; and section 701-A, subsection 4, paragraph A-1,  
23 are repealed on September 30, 1988.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The purpose of this bill is to provide a liquor  
3 license for public and private auditoriums which are  
4 not owned by a nonprofit corporation or a municipali-  
5 ty or other governmental entity. Currently, auditori-  
6 ums used for performing arts may sell liquor only if  
7 they are owned and operated as a nonprofit corpora-  
8 tion. Civic auditoriums, owned by a governmental or  
9 quasi-governmental entity, may be licensed to sell  
10 liquor for one licensee-sponsored event a year.

11           This bill defines auditorium in regard to the  
12 most common uses of an auditorium and makes them eli-  
13 gible for licenses to sell beer, wine and spirituous  
14 liquor. Sales of liquor may not be made in auditori-  
15 ums at an event which is directed at children up  
16 through the secondary level. In addition, sales may  
17 not be made in the audience seating area of the audi-  
18 torium.

19           The sections enacted by this bill are automati-  
20 cally repealed on September 30, 1988.

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