

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 243

In Senate, March 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative WALKER of Norway and Representative JACKSON of Harrison.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Relating to Credit Terms for Retail Liquor Licensees.



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

3 28-A MRSA §707-A is enacted to read:

5 §707-A. Permitted credit terms

7 1. Notwithstanding section 707, a wholesale licensee may
9 extend credit on purchases of malt beverages and table wine to a
retail licensee for 30 calendar days from the date of delivery.

11 A. Wholesale licensees shall report immediately to the
13 Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages a retail licensee who fails to
15 pay, within 30 days of the date of delivery, for malt
beverages and table wine purchased under subsection 1. The
retail licensee shall be prohibited from purchasing any beer
and wine until the indebtedness is fully paid.

17 B. A wholesale licensee who fails to notify the Bureau of
19 Alcoholic Beverages pursuant to paragraph A commits a civil
21 violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$1,000 may be
adjudged.

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25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

27 This bill allows wholesale liquor sellers to extend credit
29 to retail liquor sellers for 30 days for the purchase of malt
31 beverages and table wine. Retail sellers who fail to pay the
33 balance within 30 days of delivery shall be reported to the
Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages. Wholesale licensees who fail to
report the retail licensee's delinquency may be fined up to
\$1,000.