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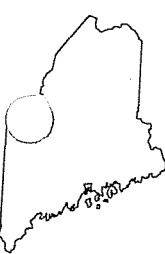
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws Relating to Wine Tasting.



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

3 **28-A MRSA §1205** is enacted to read:

5 **§1205. Taste testing of wine**

7 **1. Taste testing on off-premise retail licensee's**
8 **premises. Subject to the conditions in subsection 2, an**
9 **off-premise retail license authorizes the person to whom it is**
10 **issued to conduct taste testings of wine on that licensee's**
11 **premises. Any other consumption of alcoholic beverages on an**
12 **off-premise retail licensee's premises is prohibited.**

13 **2. Conditions on taste-testing activities. The following**
14 **conditions apply to taste-testing activities under this section.**

17 **A. No wine may be served to persons who have not yet**
18 **attained the age of 21 years;**

19 **B. No person may be served more than a total of 5 ounces of**
20 **wine;**

23 **C. No person may be charged a fee for any wine served as**
24 **part of a taste-testing activity;**

25 **D. No person may be served who is legally intoxicated;**

27 **E. Taste testing shall be limited to a designated area;**

29 **F. Taste testing shall be conducted within the hours of**
30 **retail sale established in this Title;**

33 **G. The retail licensee must obtain the written permission**
34 **of the commissioner before conducting any taste-testing**
35 **activity;**

37 **H. Taste testing shall not be conducted or permitted on a**
38 **regular or daily basis; and**

39 **I. Taste testing is not allowed in any municipality where**
40 **on-premise and off-premise sales are not allowed pursuant to**
41 **chapter 5.**

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45 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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49 This bill allows holders of off-premise retail liquor
licenses to conduct taste testings of wine on the premises under
certain conditions.