

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DiPIETRO of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Relating to Credit Terms for Retail Liquor Licensees.



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

28-A MRSA §707-A is enacted to read:

§707-A. Permitted credit terms

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

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

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows wholesale liquor sellers to extend credit to retail liquor sellers for 30 days for the purchase of malt beverages and table wine. Retail sellers who fail to pay the balance within 30 days of delivery must 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.