

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 120

In Senate, February 9, 1993

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**An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws Pertaining to the Retail Sale of Wine.**

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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 CAHILL of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Senator: BEGLEY of Lincoln.

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

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4           Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§31, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591,  
Pt. VV, §2, is further amended to read:

6           31. Spirits. "Spirits" means any liquor produced by  
distillation or, if produced by any other process, strengthened  
8 or fortified by the addition of distilled spirits of any kind,  
including low-alcohol spirits products. "Spirits"---includes  
10 ~~fortified-wine.~~

12           Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§36, as repealed and replaced by PL  
1987, c. 342, §13, is amended to read:

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16           36. Wine. "Wine" means any liquor containing not more than  
~~15.5%~~ 24% alcohol by volume ~~which~~ that is produced by the  
18 fermentation of fruit or other agricultural products containing  
sugar and or wine to which ~~no~~ spirits are have been added not to  
exceed 24% by volume. "Wine" includes, but is not limited to,  
20 wine coolers, table wine, still wine, sparkling wine and  
champagne and fortified wine, provided that the alcohol content  
22 is not above ~~15.5%~~ 24% by volume.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill allows the retail sale of wines with higher  
alcohol content such as madeira, port, sherry, marsala and  
30 vermouth by licensees now permitted to sell only malt liquor and  
table wine.