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No. 51

S.P. 20

In Senate, January 12, 1995

**An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Renewal of Liquor Licenses by
Restaurants.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEVENS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland, CAREY
of Kennebec, HALL of Piscataquis, Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, LIBBY of
Kennebunk, LOOK of Jonesboro, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUFTS of Stockton Springs.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §653, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 730,
4 §27, is further amended to read:

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7 **1. Hearings.** The municipal officers or, in the case of
8 unincorporated places, the county commissioners of the county in
9 which the unincorporated place is located, shall hold a public
10 hearing for the consideration of applications for new on-premise
11 licenses and applications for transfer of location of existing
12 on-premise licenses. The municipal officers or county
13 commissioners may hold a public hearing for the consideration of
14 requests for renewal of licenses, except that when an applicant
15 has held a license for the prior 5 years and a complaint has not
16 been filed against the applicant within that time, the applicant
17 may request a waiver of the hearing.

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19 A. The bureau shall prepare and supply application forms.

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21 B. The municipal officers or the county commissioners, as
22 the case may be, shall provide public notice of any hearing
23 held under this section by causing a notice, at the
24 applicant's prepaid expense, stating the name and place of
25 hearing, to appear on at least 6 consecutive days before the
26 date of hearing in a daily newspaper having general
27 circulation in the municipality where the premises are
28 located or on 2 consecutive weeks before the date of the
29 hearing in a weekly newspaper having general circulation in
30 the municipality where the premises are located.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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35 This bill allows an applicant for a renewal of a liquor
36 license to request a waiver of the hearing when the applicant has
37 held a liquor license for the prior 5 years and a complaint has
38 not been filed against the applicant within that time.