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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 62, L.D. 98, Bill, "An Act
to Allow Wine Tasting in Fine Wine Stores"

22 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting
24 the following:

26 **'An Act to Allow Wine Tasting in Fine Wine Stores and at Special
Festivals'**

28 Further amend the bill by inserting after the title and
30 before the enacting clause the following:

32 **'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and**

34 **Whereas, a wine taste-testing festival held this summer
would increase revenues to the State and its tourist industry; and**

38 **Whereas, the changes in taste-testing laws need to be
implemented immediately so that planning for a summer
taste-testing festival can begin; and**

42 **Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
44 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
46 safety; now, therefore,'**

48 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the
following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 'Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1052-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
4 259, §1, is amended to read:

6 1. **Special taste-testing festival license.** Manufacturers
8 of malt liquor and wine licensed under section 1355 and holders
10 of an equivalent license from another state may apply for an
12 additional license to participate in a special taste-testing
14 festival under this section. The special taste-testing festival
16 license is valid for no more than 3 consecutive days and is
18 issued annually.

20 **Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1052-A, sub-§5, ¶¶D and E,** as enacted by PL
22 1993, c. 259, §1, are amended to read:

24 D. A person may not be charged a fee for any malt liquor or
26 wine served as part of a taste-testing activity;

28 E. Each out-of-state manufacturer is limited to serving 200
30 gallons of malt liquor or wine; and

32 **Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1052-A, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
34 259, §1, is amended to read:

36 6. **Excise taxes; premiums.** Each A licensee must pay the
38 appropriate excise taxes and premiums under sections 1652 and
40 1703 before the scheduled calendar date of the special
42 taste-testing festival.

44 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
46 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

48 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
50 statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

	1995-96	1996-97
REVENUES		
General Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000

Establishing a new taste-testing festival license for
manufacturers of wine will increase General Fund revenue by an
estimated \$2,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 1995-96. This
estimate is based on approximately 20 manufacturers applying for
a special taste-testing festival license on an annual basis.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment allows the manufacturers of wine to apply for a special taste-testing festival license and to participate in a taste-testing festival. It also changes the title of the bill to include this provision and adds an emergency preamble, emergency clause and fiscal note to the bill.