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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 108, L.D. 387, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Wine Tasting"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1995, c. 30, §5, is further amended to read:

E. Taste testing is limited to a designated area. In a fine wine store, the taste testing must be conducted in an area that is separate from the retail sales floor and not readily accessible to the general public;

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 30, §6, is amended to read:

For the purposes of this section, "fine wine store" means a store that sells wine from at least 50% of the world's wine regions and carries at least 500 250 different wine labels.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§3, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. A holder of a farm winery license may serve complimentary samples of wine produced at the winery after notification to and approval from the bureau of the location, date and time. This activity may occur at off-premise retail licensees eligible to conduct wine tastings. This activity may also occur in unlicensed locations, subject to any local ordinances, and may include selling of wines produced at the winery. This taste-testing activity is limited to a 3-hour duration.'

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SUMMARY

6 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs. It adds provisions to
the bill relating to taste testing at fine wine stores. It
8 decreases the number of different wine labels that must be
carried at a store to qualify as a fine wine store from 500 to
10 250 labels. It also repeals the language requiring that taste
testing at a fine wine store be conducted in an area separate
12 from the retail sales floor and not readily accessible to the
general public. The amendment also allows a farm winery to
14 engage in taste testing its product at unlicensed locations
subject to any local ordinances. This taste-testing activity is
16 limited to a 3-hour duration.