

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 387

S.P. 108

In Senate, January 23, 1997

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Wine Tasting.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans 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 GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIDSON of Brunswick.

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

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Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 30, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Taste testing on off-premise retail licensee's premises; fine wine stores. Subject to the conditions in subsection 2, the commission may authorize an off-premise retail licensee, 50% or more of whose gross income is derived from the sale of wine ~~ex~~, malt liquor or spirits, or a fine wine store to conduct taste testings of wine on that licensee's premises. Any other consumption of alcoholic beverages on an off-premise retail licensee's premises is prohibited.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the requirements governing which off-premise retail licensees can conduct taste testings of wine on those licensees' premises. It adds the category of spirits to wine and malt liquor, the sale of which must make up 50% or more of a licensee's gross income.