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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1106, L.D. 1549, Bill, "An Act to Promote Microbreweries"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1402-A is enacted to read:

§1402-A Samples of products

A person licensed as a small brewery, farm winery or wholesaler may give a retail licensee samples of products under the following conditions:

1. Invoice required. The products must be accompanied by an invoice;

2. Product registered. The product must be registered with the bureau and clearly labeled as a sample;

3. Taxes paid. Taxes must be paid on each item;

4. Maximum annual sample established. The maximum amount of samples given to a retail licensee may not exceed 3 gallons of beer and 3 gallons of wine annually;

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2 5. Samples removed. Beer and wine samples given to an
off-premise retailer must be removed from the premises to be
sampled; and

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6 6. Records maintained. Records must be maintained for a
2-year period by the licensee giving or receiving samples.'

8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
16 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
18 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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22 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment replaces the original bill and establishes
conditions in which a brewery, small brewery, farm winery or
26 wholesaler may give a retail licensee samples of products. The
amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.