

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1106

House of Representatives, March 18, 1997

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**An Act to Promote Microbreweries.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAXL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, JONES of Bar Harbor, POWERS of Rockport, SAXL of Bangor, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§2, ¶F** is enacted to read:

6 F. A holder of a small brewery license may offer its malt  
8 beverages to licensed retailers for the purposes of taste  
10 testing the product. Twenty-four hour notice must be given  
12 to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages indicating the  
14 location, amount and brands to be offered as samples. The  
16 taste testing of malt beverages may not exceed 5 gallons per  
18 brand per retail license year. Any taste testing must be in  
20 accordance with section 1402, subsection 3, except that  
paragraph D does not apply.

### SUMMARY

18 This bill allows the holder of a brewery license or small  
20 brewery license to offer its malt beverages to licensed retailers  
for the purposes of taste testing the product. Current law allows  
one license at one location.