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H.P. 1502

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

An Act to Allow Liquor Licenses for Commercial Vessels.

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

GOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.

PRINCIPLE BUCK

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
	as emergencies, and
4	Whereas, vessels operating on inland waters are currently
6	not eligible for liquor licenses on the same basis as coastal
8	vessels; and
	Whereas, it is necessary to authorize liquor licenses for
10	commercial vessels that carry at least 25 passengers and operate on inland waters before the beginning of the summer season in
12	order to provide for continuing and improved services by such
. .	vessels; and
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	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
16	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
18	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
	safety; now, therefore,
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0	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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22	Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶V, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
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24	45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:
26	V. "Vessel" means any ship, vessel or boat of any kind used
	for navigation of the <u>coastal</u> water <u>or for commercial</u>
28	navigation of inland waters, and licensed for carrying not
	less than 25 passengers under the requirements of the Public
30	Utilities Commission or the United States Coast Guard, - and
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2.2	used-only-on-waters-other-than-inland-waters.
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	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
34	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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	This bill permits commercial vessels licensed for carrying
40	25 or more passengers on inland waters to obtain liquor licenses.