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H.P. 1497

House of Representatives, April 5, 1999

**An Act to Remove the Limit on the Amount of Complimentary Wine
that a Wine Retailer may Receive Annually.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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 MUSE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, GREEN of
Monmouth, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, O'BRIEN of Augusta, QUINT of Portland,
STEVENS of Orono, Senator: RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1402-A, sub-§§5 and 6,** as enacted by PL
1997, c. 228, §1, are amended to read:

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

10 **6. Records maintained.** Records must be maintained for a
12 2-year period by the licensee giving or receiving samples; and

14 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1402-A, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

16 7. Exception. A retail licensee 50% or more of whose gross
18 income is derived from the sale of wine, malt liquor or spirits
is exempt from the limit on wine samples established in
subsection 4.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill removes the limit on the amount of wine samples
24 that certain retailers licensed to sell wine may receive from a
small brewery, farm winery or wholesaler.