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House of Representatives, April 14, 1999

An Act to Allow a Specialty Wine Store to Provide Free Wine Samples.

(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.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MACK of Standish. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CAMPBELL of Holden, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SAXL of Portland, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

Be it	enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
	Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§30-A is enacted to read:
	30-A. Specialty wine store. "Specialty wine store" mea
	e that at least 1/3 of its sales is derived from the sal
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	Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶¶C, H, J and K, as enacted
. 10	989, c. 488, are amended to read:
	C. No $\underline{A}$ person may be charged a fee for any wine serve
	part of a taste-testing activity;
	H. A retail licensee may conduct no-more-than-one unlir
	taste testing <u>testings</u> per month;
	J. The retail licensee must notify the Bureau of Li
	Enforcement of the date and time scheduled for an on-pre-
	taste testing; and
	K. The retail licensee must purchase all wine served
	taste testing from a wholesale licensee <del>.; and</del>
	Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶L is enacted to read:
	Sec. 5. 20-A MINSA 91205, Sub-92, JL 1s enacted to read:
	L. The retail licensee may sell the wine that is h
	tasted at the taste testing.
	Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1402-B is enacted to read:
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	1. Wine sampling. An owner of a specialty wine store
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	A. An employee may provide the products for wine sam
	only if all taxes and premiums required by this Title
	paid.
	B. Wine sampling must be conducted only within
	<u>designated area or room.</u>
	SUMMARY
	This bill allows a specialty wine store to give

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samples. The bill requires the store to have a designated area
for the sampling of the wine and also establishes conditions under which the wine sampling may take place. The bill allows an
unlimited number of taste testings per mouth and requires a retail licensee to charge for the wine tasting.