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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1783

House of Representatives, January 14, 2000

An Act to Establish a Special Liquor License for Pool Halls and Billiard Rooms.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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.

SOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and

Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, FISHER of Brewer, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, LABRECQUE of Gorham, MENDROS of Lewiston, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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e	Whereas, the recent change to the laws governing smoking in public places has had a severe and adverse impact on pool halls
6	and billiard rooms around the State; and
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10	Whereas, 4 pool halls have been forced to close down in recent months as a result of the change in law; and
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12	Whereas, it is necessary to immediately establish a special liquor license for pool halls and billiard rooms of a certain
14	size to ensure their ability to continue as viable businesses; and
16	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
10	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
18	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
20	safety; now, therefore,
22	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
24	Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶N-1 is enacted to read:
26	N-1. "Pool hall" means a pool hall or billiard room with 4
	or more pool tables or billiard tables. A pool hall need
28	not serve any food.
30	Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶L-1 is enacted to read:
32	L-1. Pool halls;
34	Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1080 is enacted to read:
36	§1080. Pool hall
38	1. Issuance of licenses. The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed on
40	the premises to pool halls, as defined in section 2, subsection
42	15, paragraph N-1.
	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
44	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
46	SUMMARY
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50	This bill establishes a special liquor license for pool halls and billiard rooms that have 4 or more pool or billiard

- tables. Under this new license, a pool hall or billiard room may be issued a license for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed on premises. Unlike the current system, which links the issuance of
- the license to the percentage of sales of food, this new license has no such requirement.