

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1470

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

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**An Act to Support Businesses Engaged in Both Off-premises and On-premises Retail Sales of Malt Liquor and Wine.**

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, COLWELL of Gardiner, DORR of Camden,  
HALL of Bristol, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, MITCHELL  
of Vassalboro, NORBERT of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶W** is enacted to read:

6 W. "Wine bar" means a reputable place operated by a  
8 responsible person of good reputation where wine and food,  
10 not including a full course meal, are sold at tables, booths  
12 and counters for on-premises consumption. For purposes of  
14 this paragraph, "full course meal" has the same meaning as  
16 in paragraph R, subparagraph (1).

18 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §11, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373,  
20 §25, is further amended to read:

22 **1. Connection with other licensed premises.**  
24 Notwithstanding any other law or rule of the bureau, any  
26 retailer's licensed ~~premise~~ premises may be connected with any  
28 other retailer's licensed ~~premise~~ premises by a doorway or other  
30 apertures that are not securely and permanently sealed. A wine  
32 bar may share kitchen facilities with other licensed premises.

34 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶¶N and O,** as enacted by PL  
36 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

38 N. Restaurants; and

40 O. Vessels; and

**Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶P** is enacted to read:

P. Wine bars.

### SUMMARY

36 This bill amends current law to allow a licensed wine bar to  
38 share a kitchen with another establishment licensed for the sale  
40 of alcohol. "Wine bar" is defined to be an establishment that  
sells wine for on-premises consumption and that also sells food,  
not including a full course meal.