

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 62

House of Representatives, January 16, 2003

**An Act to Amend the Liquor Law as it Pertains to Special Taste-testing Festival Licenses**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, DUDLEY of Portland, DUNLAP of Old Town,  
EDER of Portland, FISCHER of Presque Isle, THOMAS of Orono.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1052-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c.  
677, §2, is amended to read:

6 **1. Special taste-testing festival license.** Manufacturers  
7 of malt liquor or wine licensed as ~~small~~ breweries or farm  
8 wineries under section 1355 may apply jointly for an additional  
9 license to participate in a special taste-testing festival under  
10 this section. The special taste-testing festival license is  
11 valid for no more than 3 consecutive days and may be issued once  
12 annually.

14 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052-B, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

16 **1-A. Out-of-state manufacturers.** Persons licensed as  
17 breweries and farm wineries by law in other states may apply for  
18 the special license under this section in accordance with  
19 conditions prescribed by the bureau.

20 **Sec. 3. Rulemaking.** The Department of Public Safety, Bureau  
21 of Liquor Enforcement shall adopt rules necessary for the  
22 implementation of this Act. Rules adopted pursuant to this Act  
23 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
24 subchapter 2-A.

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27 **SUMMARY**

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29 **30** This bill amends the law establishing special taste-testing  
30 festivals for breweries and farm wineries to:

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32 1. Allow greater participation by all breweries in Maine by  
33 removing the requirement that they may only be small breweries;  
34 and

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36 2. Expand the scope of the special once-a-year license to  
37 include out-of-state breweries and farm wineries subject to rules  
38 adopted by the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department  
39 of Public Safety.  
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