

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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Legislative Document

No. 122

S.P. 45

In Senate, January 21, 2003

### An Act Regarding the Sampling of Products

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

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

6       **1. Invoice required.** The products must be accompanied by  
8       an invoice. For partial-bottle wine samples provided to retail  
10       licensees for licensed on-premises consumption, an invoice must  
12       be issued to the agent of the wholesale licensee. The agent  
14       shall maintain a log stating the name of the licensees who  
16       sampled the product and the amount sampled;

18       **4. Maximum annual sample established.** The maximum amount of  
20       samples given to a retail licensee may not exceed 3 gallons of  
22       ~~beer--and--3--gallons--of--wine~~ annually of any malt beverage and 3  
24       liters of any wine;

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**SUMMARY**

28       This bill amends current law to allow a partial bottle of  
30       wine as a sample. The bill also requires the wholesale licensee  
32       to document the amount of product sampled along with other  
34       details of the sampling. Additionally, this bill brings state  
36       law into compliance with federal law concerning the amount of  
38       beer and wine samples that may be given to a retail licensee on  
40       an annual basis.