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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 886, L.D. 1289, Bill, "An Act Allowing Liquor Tasting Events"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Allowing Spirits Tasting Events'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶¶G and H, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

G. Licensees offering reduced prices for prearranged private parties on the premises of the licensee; ex

H. Licensees whose licensed premises include more than one room charging different prices for the same drink served in the different rooms; or

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Conducting the taste testing of spirits under section 1051, subsection 6.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Spirits taste-testing events on retail licensee's premises. A distiller, licensed distilled spirits sales representative and the State's wholesale liquor provider, with

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2 the written permission of the bureau, may rent or lease an area
3 or room from an on-premises retail licensee for the purpose of
4 inviting retail licensees to taste test spirits. Spirits
5 taste-testing events must be conducted during hours that are
6 authorized by the bureau for the sale of the product on the
7 premises. The following conditions apply to all taste testing
8 conducted under this subsection.

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10 A. The distiller, licensed distilled spirits sales
11 representative or the State's wholesale liquor provider may
12 provide the products for taste testing only if the retail
13 price has been paid and a record of the transaction is
14 maintained and made available to the bureau.

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16 B. The taste-testing activity may be conducted only within
17 a special designated area or room.

18 C. The taste-testing activity may be open only to invited
19 retail licensees or their authorized agents and not to
20 family members, guests or the general public.

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22 D. After the taste-testing activity is concluded, the
23 distiller, licensed distilled spirits sales representative
24 or wholesale liquor provider, as applicable, shall remove
25 all products supplied for the taste-testing activity from
26 the retail licensee's premises.'

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SUMMARY

31 This amendment replaces the bill and allows distillers,
32 licensed distilled spirits sales representatives and the State's
33 wholesale liquor provider to sponsor spirits taste-tasting events
34 for the purpose of allowing retail licensees to sample spirits.
35 The events may not be held unless written permission is obtained
36 from the Department of Public Safety and must be held in a
37 designated area of an on-premises licensee's establishment. The
38 sponsor may provide only spirits that have gone through the
39 State's control system and must remove those products from the
40 retail licensee's premises after the taste-testing event has
concluded.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund