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An Act To Allow the Licensing of Minibars in Hotel Rooms

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, RUSSELL of Portland, TRINWARD of Waterville,
Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§19-A** is enacted to read:

3 **19-A. Minibar.** "Minibar" means a self-contained, locking cabinet, refrigerated or
4 unrefrigerated, designed for the storage and dispensation of beverages and related
5 merchandise.

6 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

7 **6. Minibar license.** The operator of a hotel holding a license under section 1061 or
8 holding a license required under Title 30-A, section 3811 may obtain a license allowing
9 the placement of a minibar in a room in that hotel subject to the conditions of this
10 subsection and any applicable rules established by the bureau.

11 A. The fee for a minibar license for a hotel holding an existing license under section
12 1061 is \$100 annually plus \$5 for each room in which a minibar is placed, not to
13 exceed a maximum of \$900 per hotel;

14 B. The fee for a minibar license for a hotel holding an existing license under Title
15 30-A, section 3811 is \$100 annually plus \$10 for each room in which a minibar is
16 placed;

17 C. A minibar may be stocked with beer, wine and distilled spirits as well as other
18 complementary merchandise;

19 D. Supplies of beer and wine for a hotel minibar must be purchased from a wholesale
20 licensee;

21 E. Supplies of distilled spirits for a hotel minibar must be purchased from an agency
22 liquor store;

23 F. A hotel must maintain invoices for all alcoholic beverages stocked in a minibar
24 and must maintain records of all sales of alcoholic beverages sold or dispensed from
25 a minibar;

26 G. A minibar must be equipped with a secure locking device that may be unlocked
27 only by persons 21 years of age or older;

28 H. A hotel room equipped with a minibar may not be rented to a person under 21
29 years of age unless the minibar is secured in a manner that prevents access by a
30 person under 21 years of age; and

31 I. The registered occupant of a hotel room equipped with a minibar is liable for any
32 violation of liquor laws by anyone under 21 years of age who also occupies or enters
33 the room.

34 The Department of Public Safety may adopt rules to implement this subsection.
35 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in
36 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

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nder this bill, a hotel owner that has or wants minibars in hotel rooms may, but is
not required to, obtain a license for the minibars.