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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1156, L.D. 1628, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §1, is amended to read:

J. The agency liquor store may conduct up to 3 tastings per month but no more than ~~12~~ 24 taste-testing events per year, including tastings conducted under sections 1205 and 1207.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph N in the 2nd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "For a minimum of 7 days immediately prior" and inserting the following: 'Prior'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph N in the 5th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "annually by January 15th" and inserting the following: 'annually by January 15th 15, 2011'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶O is enacted to read:

O. An agency liquor store, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct an invitation-only taste-testing event at the agency liquor store's premises in place of or to coincide with a taste-testing event that is open to the public. A taste-testing event that is exclusively invitation only is not subject to the posting requirement in paragraph N.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶H, as amended by PL 2009, c. 459, §2, is further amended to read:

1 H. The retail licensee may conduct up to 3 tastings per month but no more than ~~12~~
2 24 taste-testing events per year, including tastings conducted under sections 460 and
3 1207;

4 Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph L in the 2nd line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by
5 striking out the following: "For a minimum of 7 days immediately prior" and inserting
6 the following: 'Prior'

7 Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph L in the 5th line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by
8 striking out the following: "annually by January 15th" and inserting the following:
9 'annually by January ~~15th~~ 15, 2011'

10 Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

11 '**Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶M** is enacted to read:

12 M. An off-premise retail licensee, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct
13 an invitation-only taste-testing event at the off-premise retail licensee's premises in
14 place of or to coincide with a taste-testing event that is open to the public. A taste-
15 testing event that is exclusively invitation only is not subject to the posting
16 requirement in paragraph L.'

17 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

18 '**Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §4, is
19 amended to read:

20 H. The retail licensee may conduct up to 3 tastings per month but no more than ~~12~~ 24
21 taste-testing events per year, including tastings under section 460 or 1205.'

22 Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph L in the 2nd line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by
23 striking out the following: "For a minimum of 7 days immediately prior" and inserting
24 the following: 'Prior'

25 Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph L in the 5th line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by
26 striking out the following: "annually by January 15th" and inserting the following:
27 'annually by January ~~15th~~ 15, 2011'

28 Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

29 '**Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶M** is enacted to read:

30 M. An off-premise retail licensee, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct
31 an invitation-only taste-testing event at the off-premise retail licensee's premises in
32 place of or to coincide with a taste-testing event that is open to the public. A taste-
33 testing event that is exclusively invitation only is not subject to the posting
34 requirement in paragraph L.'

35 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
36 section number to read consecutively.

37 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment removes the specific time period that a sign announcing an alcoholic
39 beverage taste-testing event must be posted. The amendment also increases the number

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1 of events a licensee may conduct from 12 to 24 per year. Finally, the amendment also
2 allows for invitation-only taste-testing events in place of or concurrent with an event open
3 to the public.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1628

LR 2192(02)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Alcoholic Beverages

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with enforcement can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.