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S.P. 71

In Senate, February 1, 2011

An Act Relating to Maine Farm Wineries

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

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren and

Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, President RAYE of Washington, TRAHAN of Lincoln,

Representatives: DOW of Waldoboro, FITTS of Pittsfield, HERBIG of Belfast, O'BRIEN of
Lincolntonville, PRESCOTT of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§3, ¶E** is enacted to read:

3 E. A holder of a farm winery license may sell wine produced at the farm winery at a
4 farmers' market as provided in Title 7, section 415.

5 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§3, ¶F** is enacted to read:

6 F. A holder of a farm winery license may display up to 25 bottles in the windows of
7 any premises maintained by the holder of the farm winery license where wine
8 produced at the farm winery is sold.

9 **Sec. 3. Signage.** The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall
10 work with the Department of Transportation and a statewide organization representing
11 farm wineries to develop a uniform system of signage identifying the locations of farm
12 wineries in the State.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that the holder of a farm winery license from the Department of
15 Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement may sell wine at farmers' markets, permits
16 the licensee to display up to 25 bottles of wine in a shop window and directs the
17 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to work with the Department of
18 Transportation and a statewide organization representing farm wineries to develop a
19 uniform system of signage identifying the locations of farm wineries.