

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 837

House of Representatives, April 2, 2015

**An Act To Allow Active Members and Veterans of the Armed Forces Who Are at Least 18 Years of Age and under 21 Years of Age To Consume Alcohol at Eligible Veterans' Organization Posts and American Legion Halls**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative NADEAU of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHENETTE of Saco, DOORE of Augusta,  
FARRIN of Norridgewock, GILBERT of Jay, GOLDEN of Lewiston, LONGSTAFF of  
Waterville, SHORT of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2051, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. P, §4 and  
3 affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 **5. Exceptions.** A minor is not in violation of ~~subsection 1, paragraph E-1 or F-1 if~~  
5 ~~the minor possesses:~~

6 A. ~~Liquor~~ Subsection 1, paragraph E-1 or F-1 if the minor possesses liquor or  
7 imitation liquor or equipment described in subsection 1, paragraph F-1 in the scope of  
8 the minor's employment;

9 B. ~~Liquor~~ Subsection 1, paragraph E-1 or F-1 if the minor possesses liquor or  
10 imitation liquor in a home in the presence of the minor's parent, guardian or  
11 custodian, as defined in Title 22, section 4002; or

12 C. ~~Equipment~~ Subsection 1, paragraph E-1 or F-1 if the minor possesses equipment  
13 described in subsection 1, paragraph F-1 in the minor's own home under the  
14 supervision of the minor's parent, guardian or custodian, as defined in Title 22,  
15 section 4002-; or

16 D. Subsection 1, paragraph A, B, C or E-1 if the minor is a member or veteran of the  
17 United States Armed Forces or state military forces as described in Title 37-B,  
18 section 102 on the premises of a veterans' organization eligible to receive a beano or  
19 bingo license under Title 17, section 314.

20 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §2081, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. P, §9  
21 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

22 **2. Exceptions.** This section does not apply to a person who serves liquor or  
23 imitation liquor to a minor in a home in the presence of the minor's parent, guardian or  
24 custodian, as defined in Title 22, section 4002, or, if the minor is a member or veteran of  
25 the United States Armed Forces or state military forces as described in Title 37-B, section  
26 102, on the premises of a veterans' organization eligible to receive a beano or bingo  
27 license under Title 17, section 314.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill allows a person who is at least 18 years of age but under 21 years of age  
30 who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or state military forces to  
31 be served and consume alcohol on the premises of a veterans' organization founded,  
32 chartered or organized in the State that is eligible to receive a beano or bingo license from  
33 the Chief of the State Police.