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**An Act To Eliminate Limits on the Number of Taste-testing Events
for Beer, Wine and Spirits**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, Senator:
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶J,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 J. The agency liquor store may conduct ~~up to 15~~ an unlimited number of taste-testing
5 events per month, ~~including taste-testing events conducted under sections 1205 and~~
6 ~~1207.~~ If the agency liquor store complies with the applicable requirements of sections
7 1205 and 1207, the agency liquor store may offer wine and malt liquor for tasting at
8 the same time as spirits.

9 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §2, is
10 further amended to read:

11 H. The retail licensee may conduct ~~up to 15~~ an unlimited number of taste-testing events
12 per month, ~~including taste-testing events conducted under sections 460 and 1207.~~ If
13 the retail licensee complies with the applicable requirements of sections 460 and 1207,
14 the retail licensee may offer spirits and malt liquor for tasting at the same time as wine;

15 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §3, is
16 further amended to read:

17 H. The retail licensee may conduct ~~up to 15~~ an unlimited number of taste-testing events
18 per month, ~~including taste-testing events conducted under section 460 or 1205.~~ If the
19 retail licensee complies with the applicable requirements of sections 460 and 1205, the
20 retail licensee may offer spirits and wine for tasting at the same time as malt liquor.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill removes the limitation on taste-testing events per month and allows an
23 unlimited number of taste-testing events per month for agency liquor stores and wine and
24 beer off-premises retail licensees.