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In Senate, March 9, 2023

**An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine,
Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook and
Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, Representative: MONTELL of Gardiner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §42, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Bureau registration required; exceptions.** Malt liquor, wine, hard cider or a
5 low-alcohol spirits product may not be sold in the State unless the container in which the
6 malt liquor, wine, hard cider or low-alcohol spirits product is sold bears a label registered
7 with the bureau. This subsection does not apply to:

8 A. Liquor sold by the manufacturer for on-premises consumption pursuant to section
9 1355-A, subsection 2, paragraph B or I; ~~or~~

10 B. Liquor sold by a Maine manufacturer in a keg to an on-premises retail licensee; ~~or~~

11 C. Malt liquor, wine, hard cider or a low-alcohol spirits product sold by the
12 manufacturer bearing a label approved by the United States Department of the
13 Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. A manufacturer seeking an
14 exception under this paragraph shall provide the bureau with notice of all products sold
15 by that manufacturer in this State that meet the requirements of this paragraph.

16 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 46, §2, is amended
17 to read:

18 **3. Fees.** The fees for registering a label with the bureau under subsection 2 are as
19 follows.

20 A. The fee for the initial label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C
21 is \$10.

22 B. The fee for changing a label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C
23 is \$1.

24 C. The annual renewal fee is \$1 for each registered label or notice under subsection 2,
25 paragraph C. Renewal of a label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph
26 C must coincide with renewal of the relevant license or certificate of approval.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill adds to the exceptions to the registration requirement for labels of malt liquor,
29 wine, hard cider or low-alcohol spirits products sold in the State labels approved by the
30 United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.
31 This bill requires a manufacturer of products sold in this State that bear such a label to
32 notify the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic
33 Beverages and Lottery Operations of that fact.