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**An Act to Allow Certain Liquor Sellers to Conduct Off-premises
Taste-testing Events and Retail Sales**

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

Robert B. Hunt
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Clerk

Presented by Representative LANDRY of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Representative COLLINGS of Portland and
Representative: HEPLER of Woolwich, 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-A, ¶E** is enacted to read:

3 E. For an off-premises taste-testing event under subsection 2-B, the request must
4 include the location of the taste-testing event.

5 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

6 **2-B. Off-premises taste-testing events.** An agency liquor store may conduct one
7 taste-testing event per month under this section at a location other than the licensed
8 premises that are not premises licensed under this Title and that otherwise meet the
9 requirements of this section. Along with the requirements of subsection 2, paragraph N,
10 spirits served under this subsection must be served by a person who has successfully
11 completed an alcohol server course approved by the bureau. Retail sales for off-premises
12 consumption for an event under this subsection are allowed. The off-premises location
13 under this subsection must be approved by the bureau.

14 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2-A, ¶E** is enacted to read:

15 E. For an off-premises taste-testing event under subsection 2-B, the request must
16 include the location of the taste-testing event.

17 **Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

18 **2-B. Off-premises taste-testing events.** An off-premises retail licensee may conduct
19 one taste-testing event per month under this section at a location other than the licensed
20 premises that are not premises licensed under this Title and that otherwise meet the
21 requirements of this section. Along with the requirements of subsection 2, paragraph N,
22 wine served under this subsection must be served by a person who has successfully
23 completed an alcohol server course approved by the bureau. Retail sales for off-premises
24 consumption for an event under this subsection are allowed. The off-premises location
25 under this subsection must be approved by the bureau.

26 **Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2-A, ¶E** is enacted to read:

27 E. For an off-premises taste-testing event under subsection 2-B, the request must
28 include the location of the taste-testing event.

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

30 **2-B. Off-premises taste-testing events.** An off-premises retail licensee may conduct
31 one taste-testing event per month under this section at a location other than the licensed
32 premises that are not premises licensed under this Title and that otherwise meet the
33 requirements of this section. Along with the requirements of subsection 2, paragraph N,
34 malt liquor served under this subsection must be served by a person who has successfully
35 completed an alcohol server course approved by the bureau. Retail sales for off-premises
36 consumption for an event under this subsection are allowed. The off-premises location
37 under this subsection must be approved by the bureau.

38 **SUMMARY**

39 This bill allows one spirits, wine and malt liquor taste-testing event per month to be
40 held off the premises of an agency liquor store or an off-premises retail licensee if the server

1 has successfully completed an approved alcohol server course. This bill also allows sales
2 for off-premises consumption from off-premises taste-testing events at approved locations.