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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Licenses for Sale of Malt Beverages.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, it is necessary to promote good will and understanding between the peoples of the United States and its Allies; and

Whereas, in order to promote such good will and understanding it is necessary to assist in providing for the entertainment of members of the armed services or the merchant marine of nations at war with Germany, Italy and Japan; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Licenses for sale of malt beverages, regulated.** In cities and towns where such sale is lawful, licenses for the sale of malt beverages to be consumed on the premises where sold may be issued by the state liquor commission to incorporated clubs or unincorporated associations organized on a non-profit basis for the purpose of entertaining members of the armed

services or the merchant marine of nations at war with Germany, Italy and Japan, notwithstanding any provisions of law requiring a period of previous operation of clubs receiving such licenses, provided the application therefor be approved by the municipal officers of the city or town where such club or association is located. No fees shall be required of such licensee but in all other respects such licensee shall be subject to the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to licensees for the sale of malt beverages to be consumed on the premises.

**Sec. 2. Duration of act.** The powers herein granted shall terminate on the declaration of peace between the United States and Germany, Italy and Japan, whichever happens last.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.