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In Senate, February 13, 1947

Referred to the Committee on Temperance, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bishop of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Liquor Licenses for Taverns.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 57, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 13th paragraph thereof defining "Restaurant", a new paragraph to read as follows:

' "Tavern" shall mean a reputable place operated by responsible persons where no food is served and no business is carried on except the sale of malt liquor at a bar. There shall be no table, chairs or other seating accommodations and all persons served shall remain standing at the bar.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 57, § 28, amended. The 1st sentence of section 28 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No license to sell malt liquor to be consumed on the premises where sold shall be issued to any person for any premises except a bona fide hotel, restaurant, **tavern** or club, nor unless the application therefor be approved by the municipal officers of the city or town where such hotel, restaurant, **tavern** or club is located, and if such hotel, restaurant, **tavern** or club is located in an unorganized place, the application shall be approved by the county commissioners of the county within which such unorganized place is located.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 57, § 40, amended. The 1st sentence of section 40 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 185 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises where sold may be issued in the discretion of the commission to clubs and to bona fide hotels, restaurants, **taverns**, steamboats and railroad dining cars on payment of the fees herein provided; subject, however, to the condition that the application therefor be approved by the municipal officers of the town or city in which such intended licensee, if operating a club, restaurant, **tavern** or hotel, is operating the same, and if said hotel, restaurant, **tavern** or club is located in an unorganized place said application shall be approved by the county commissioners of the county, within which such unorganized place is located, and subject to the further condition that licenses issued to restaurants shall be limited to malt liquor and wine.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 57, § 43, amended. Section 43 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 2nd sentence thereof, a new sentence, to read as follows:

'The fee for each tavern shall be \$300 per year.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 57, § 28, amended. The 4th sentence of section 28 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No licensee under the provisions of this section, **except taverns**, shall maintain a bar where malt liquor is consumed.'