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House of Representatives, March 2, 1949.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Definitions and Location of Licensed Premises in  
Liquor Law.**

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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, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding after the paragraph defining "Person" a new paragraph, to read as follows:

‘ “Premises” shall mean in case of a licensee the building in which the licensee is to exercise the privilege of the license. “Premises” in the case of a public or private school, school dormitory, church, chapel, parish house, Young Men’s Christian Association or Young Women’s Christian Association shall include within its meaning not only the buildings but the grounds of such institutions.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 57, § 1, amended.** The paragraph defining “Restaurant” in section 1 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘ “Restaurant” shall mean a reputable place operated by responsible persons of good reputation and habitually and regularly used for the pur-

pose of providing food for the public **during the customary hours of public dining**, and provided with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining-room equipment and capacity for preparing and serving suitable food for the public.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 57, § 22-B, amended.** Section 22-B of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 197 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 22-B. Premises for which licenses shall not be granted; exception.** No new hotel, restaurant, **tavern** or club licenses shall be granted under the provisions of this chapter to new premises within 300 feet of the premises of a public or private school, school dormitory, church, chapel, ~~or~~ parish house, **Young Men's Christian Association or Young Women's Christian Association**, in existence as such at the time such new license is applied for, measured from the main entrance of the premises to ~~the~~ **a regular main street entrance to the premises** of the school, school dormitory, church, chapel, ~~or~~ parish house, **Young Men's Christian Association or Young Women's Christian Association**, by the ordinary course of travel, except such premises as were in use as hotels or clubs on July 24, 1937; provided, however, that the commission may grant licenses to premises which are within 300 feet of a church, chapel, ~~or~~ parish house, **Young Men's Christian Association or Young Women's Christian Association**, measured as aforesaid and which do not adjoin any of the same, when the application therefor has the unanimous approval of the members of the commission and also the written approval of a majority of the officers or the written approval of the officer, person or pastor in charge of such church, chapel, ~~or~~ parish house, **Young Men's Christian Association or Young Women's Christian Association.**'