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# NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk. Presented by Mr. Frechette of Sanford by request.

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

#### AN ACT to Permit Taverns to Sell Wine and Spirits.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 57, § 1, amended. The 4th paragraph from the end of section 1 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 322 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Tavern" shall mean a reputable place for men only operated by responsible persons where no food is sold 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, § 2, sub-§ III-B, additional. Section 2 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered III-B, to read as follows:

'III-B. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for the sale therein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of taverns?'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 57, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting before the 6th paragraph from the end thereof, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'If a majority of such votes cast on question III-B is in the negative, licenses shall not be issued for the sale therein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of taverns for the 2 calendar years next following.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 57, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting before the 14th paragraph from the end thereof, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'If a majority of such votes in answer to question III-B in the affirmative, the commission may issue licenses for the sale therein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of a tavern therein for the 2 calendar years next following, subject to all provisions of law.'