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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1124**

S. P. 414

In Senate, February 25, 1953

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Chapman, Jr., of Cumberland

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Qualifications of Liquor Licensees.**

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

**R. S., c. 57, § 22-E, repealed and replaced.** Section 22-E of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 259 of the public laws of 1949, and as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**‘Sec. 22-E. Persons to whom licenses shall not be granted. No license shall be issued to any natural person unless such person is at least 21 years of age, and is a citizen of the United States, and of this state, of good character, and is able to read and write the English language; provided, however, that a part-time or 6 months’ license, authorized by law, may be issued to any natural person who is at least 21 years of age and is a citizen of the United States, of good character, and able to read and write the English language. No license shall be issued to a partnership or to an association unless all persons having an interest therein are at least 21 years of age, and are citizens of the United States and of this state, of good character, and able to read and write the English language; provided, however, that a part-time or 6 months’ license, as authorized by law, may be issued to a partnership or association if all persons having an interest therein are**

at least 21 years of age and are citizens of the United States, of good character, and able to read and write the English language. No license shall be issued to a convicted felon, to a chronic alcoholic, to a known habitual drunkard, to persons of known intemperate or immoral habits nor to a person who does not furnish proof that he is the true party in interest. No license shall be issued to any corporation unless it shall be incorporated under the laws of this state, or authorized to transact business in this state, and no license shall be issued to any corporation unless all the officers and directors of the corporation are at least 21 years of age and are citizens of the United States, of good character, and able to read and write the English language, and are none of them a convicted felon, or a chronic alcoholic, or a known habitual drunkard, or a person of known intemperate or immoral habits. No person, partnership, association or corporation having had his or its license for the manufacture or sale at wholesale or retail of liquor revoked for cause, shall be granted a license until the expiration of 5 years from the date of such revocation. No such license shall be issued to any person, partnership, association or corporation who, within 5 years next prior to his or its application therefor, has been convicted of violating any of the laws of this state or other states or of the United States with respect to the manufacture, transportation, importation, possession or sale of intoxicating liquor; provided, however, that a license may issue to any person deemed not to be a violator under the provisions of paragraph A of subsection II of section 60 of this chapter, as amended. No such license shall be issued to any person, partnership, association or corporation until the person, partners, association or corporation officials shall have demonstrated that they have full knowledge of and understand all liquor laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of the business for which the license is applied for.'