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House of Representatives, January 26, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Control, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

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. 61, § 1, amended. The 3rd paragraph from the end of section 1 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes 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 cigarettes and tobacco products and except the sale of ~~malt~~ liquor at a bar. There shall be no tables, chairs or other seating accommodations and all persons served shall remain standing at the bar.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 61, § 2, sub-§ IV-A, additional. Section 2 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered IV-A, to read as follows:

‘IV-A. 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. 61, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting before the 14th paragraph from the end thereof, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

‘If a majority of such votes cast on question IV-A 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. 61, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting before the 6th paragraph from the end thereof, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'If a majority of such votes in answer to question IV-A is 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, subject to all provisions of law.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 61, § 31, amended. Section 31 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 11th paragraph thereof, beginning with the word "Tavern—", the following:

'Tavern—Wine and spirits only 300.00
Tavern—Malt liquor and wine and spirits 400.00'