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S. P. 218

In Senate, February 10, 1959.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Fournier of York.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Sale of Spirituous Liquor in Class A Restaurants.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 61, § 1, amended.** The 8th paragraph from the end of section 1 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following paragraphs enacted in place thereof:

“Class A restaurant” shall mean a reputable place operated by responsible persons of good reputation and which is equipped for preparing and serving food on the premises and which does a minimum of \$100,000 per year in sale and service of food to the public on the premises.

“Class B restaurant” shall mean a reputable place operated by responsible persons of good reputation and which is equipped with booths, tables or counter for service of food and which is prepared to serve food to the public.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 61, § 2, sub-§ II, repealed and replaced.** Subsection II of section 2 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 58 of the public laws of 1957, is repealed and the following subsections enacted in place thereof:

‘II. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for sale herein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of hotels and clubs?’

II-A. Shall licenses be granted in this city or town for sale herein of wine and spirits to be consumed on the premises of class A restaurants?’

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 61, § 31, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 31 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of chapter 355 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

'Hotel—Malt liquor .....	\$200.00
Club—Spirituos and vinous .....	200.00
Club—Malt liquor .....	100.00
Public service—Spirituos and vinous .....	200.00
Public service—Malt liquor .....	100.00
<b>Restaurant, class A—Spirituos and vinous .....</b>	<b>750.00</b>
Restaurant—Ma't liquor only .....	200.00
Restaurant—Vinous liquor only .....	200.00
Tavern—Malt liquor only .....	300.00
Retail store—Malt liquor only .....	100.00

Any club maintaining a dining room and catering either privately or for functions to a group of nonmembers of the club, ~~also~~ and any club with dining rooms letting rooms to nonmembers, must pay the same fee as required by a hotel located in the same municipality.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 61, § 42, amended.** The first sentence of section 42 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Licenses for the sale of spirituos and vinous liquor to be consumed on the premises where sold may be issued to clubs and to bona fide hotels, restaurants, 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 or hotel, is operating the same, and if said hotel, restaurant 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 or wine, **and subject to the further condition that licenses issued to class B restaurants shall be limited to malt liquor or wine.**'