# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

# **STATE OF MAINE**

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or national political party organized pursuant to Title 21-A, chapter 5, nor the advertisement of the expected presence of any such official at any such event, as long as any such official has no involvement in soliciting attendance at the event and all proceeds are paid directly to the political party organization hosting the event or a non-profit charitable organization.

See title page for effective date.

#### **CHAPTER 274**

S.P. 835 - L.D. 2236

#### An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Location of Lobster Trap Escape Vents

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature recently enacted legislation authorizing the placement of rectangular escape vents on the top of traps but did not address circular vents; and

Whereas, this legislation should coincide with those other changes; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6433, sub-§1, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 353, §1, is amended to read:
  - B. Two circular escape vents not less than 2 1/4 inches (57.2 mm.) in diameter located next to the bottom edge or on the top if the escape vents are placed over the head of an end parlor section;

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective May 20, 1999.

#### **CHAPTER 275**

S.P. 222 - L.D. 644

#### An Act to Provide Opportunity for an Increase in Wine-tasting Locations for Farm Wineries

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

- **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 501, §2, is further amended to read:
  - A. No licensee or employee or agent of a licensee may:
    - (1) Offer or deliver any free liquor to any person or group of persons;
    - (2) Deliver more than 2 drinks, or a pitcher of malt liquor or carafe of wine containing more than one liter or 33.8 ounces containing spirits, a carafe containing more than one liter or 33.8 ounces of wine, or any serving or pitcher containing more than one liter or 33.8 ounces of malt liquor, to one person at one time;
    - (3) Sell, offer to sell or deliver to any person or group of persons an unlimited number of drinks for a fixed price, except at private functions not open to the public;
    - (4) Encourage or permit, on the licensed premises, any game or contest that involves drinking or the awarding of drinks as prizes; or
    - (5) Any other practice the specific purpose of which is to encourage customers of the licensee to drink to excess; and
- **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §113, is further amended to read:
  - C. A holder of a farm winery license, upon application to and approval of the bureau and payment of the license fee fees, may obtain a license licenses for one up to 2 additional locations other than the winery licensed under this subsection. The holder of the license licenses is not required to conduct any bottling or production of wine at the 2nd additional licensed location locations but may conduct all activities permitted by this section at the winery.

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