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CHAPTER 671
S.P. 758 - L.D. 2119

An Act To Amend the Laws
Governing the Maternal, Fetal
and Infant Mortality Review
Panel

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §261, sub-§1, ¶B, as
amended by PL 2017, c. 203, §1, is further amended to
read:

B. "Deceased person" means a woman who died
during pregnancy or within ~~42 days~~ one year of
giving birth or a child who died within one year of
birth.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §261, sub-§4, ¶A, as
amended by PL 2017, c. 203, §1, is further amended to
read:

A. The panel coordinator shall review the deaths
of all women during pregnancy or within ~~42 days~~
one year of giving birth, the majority of cases in
which a fetal death occurs after 28 weeks of gesta-
tion and the majority of deaths of infants under one
year of age, with selection of cases of infant death
based on the need to review particular causes of
death or the need to obtain a representative sample
of all deaths.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 672
S.P. 759 - L.D. 2120

An Act Regarding Sales of
Alcohol in Municipalities and
Unincorporated Places

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and re-
solves of the Legislature do not become effective until
90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergen-
cies; and

Whereas, current law requires that a municipality
hold a referendum to authorize the sale of liquor in that
municipality; and

Whereas, current law requires the county com-
missioners for an unincorporated place to determine
whether or not to authorize the sale of liquor in that un-
incorporated place; and

Whereas, based upon the affirmative referendum
or decision, the Department of Administrative and Fi-
nancial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and
Lottery Operations is authorized to issue a license to a

qualified establishment in that municipality or unincor-
porated place; and

Whereas, the bureau has recently become aware
that it does not have proof of a referendum or decision
in some municipalities and unincorporated places that
have licensed establishments, endangering the ability of
these currently licensed businesses to continue to be li-
censed by the bureau; and

Whereas, it is imperative that this legislation take
effect as soon as possible to avoid irreparable harm to
businesses that have complied with all requirements but
could lose their licenses to sell liquor due to inadequate
record keeping; 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 leg-
islation 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. 28-A MRSA §121, sub-§1, as amended
by PL 2017, c. 475, Pt. C, §8, is repealed and the fol-
lowing enacted in its place:

1. Petition. A petition for a local option election
must be signed by 30 voters in that municipality or by a
number of voters equal to at least 5% of the number of
votes cast in that municipality in the last gubernatorial
election, whichever is fewer. All petition signatures
must have been signed since the last general election.
The petition must be addressed to and received by the
municipal officers at least 60 days before holding any
primary, special statewide, general or municipal elec-
tion or town meeting.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §121, sub-§1-A is en-
acted to read:

1-A. Vote of municipal officers. As an alterna-
tive to the petition process in subsection 1, the munici-
pal officers may vote to hold a local option election,
which must be conducted pursuant to subsection 3, in-
cluding one or more of the questions specified in sec-
tion 123.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §121, sub-§2, as enacted
by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

2. Meeting. Upon receipt of a petition, or in ac-
cordance with a vote of the municipal officers pursuant
to subsection 1-A, the municipal officers shall notify
the inhabitants of their respective municipalities to meet
in the manner prescribed by law. The meeting ~~shall~~
must be held to vote upon any or all of the questions
contained in section 123.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §125 is enacted to read:

§125. Proof of local option election or county
commissioner decision