

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

**CHAPTER 285  
S.P. 813 - L.D. 1984**

**An Act to Allow Golf Courses  
to Obtain a License to Conduct  
Off-premises Catering**

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

**Whereas,** this legislation allows golf courses with a liquor license to obtain a license to conduct off-premises catering; and

**Whereas,** the summer season is approaching, which is the busiest time for golf courses to hold special events involving off-premises catering; 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**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 658, §157, is amended to read:

**3. Off-premises catering license.** A club licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor or a licensed Class A restaurant, licensed Class A restaurant/lounge, licensed Class A lounge, licensed hotel, licensed bed and breakfast, licensed golf course, licensed auditorium, licensed civic auditorium or licensed performing arts center may obtain a license to conduct off-premises catering of the same type or types of liquor that the establishment may sell pursuant to the establishment's underlying club, Class A restaurant, Class A restaurant/lounge, Class A lounge, hotel, bed and breakfast, golf course, auditorium, civic auditorium or performing arts center license as provided in section 1052. The fee for an off-premises catering license is \$10 per calendar day of the event or gathering.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §167, is further amended to read:

**1. Off-premises catering license for sale of liquor.** A club licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor or a licensed Class A restaurant, licensed Class A restaurant/lounge, licensed Class A lounge, licensed hotel, licensed bed and breakfast, licensed golf course, licensed auditorium, licensed civic auditorium or licensed performing arts center may apply for an additional license to conduct off-premises catering at planned events or gatherings to be held at locations other than the licensee's premises under this section.

**Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§3-A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §167, is amended to read:

**3-A. Type of liquor.** An off-premises catering licensee may sell at an event described in subsection 3 only the type or types of liquor that the licensee is authorized to sell pursuant to the licensee's underlying club, Class A restaurant, Class A restaurant/lounge, Class A lounge, hotel, bed and breakfast, golf course, auditorium, civic auditorium or performing arts center license.

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

Effective June 23, 2023.

**CHAPTER 286  
S.P. 146 - L.D. 325**

**An Act to Require  
Transparency in Public Utility  
Advertising Expenditures**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §302,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§302. Limitations on rates**

**1-A. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**A. "Affiliated interest" has the same meaning as in section 707, subsection 1, paragraph A.**

**B. "Consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility" has the same meaning as in section 3201, subsection 6.**

**C. "Consumer-owned water utility" has the same meaning as in section 6101, subsection 1-A.**

**D. "Grassroots lobbying" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 7-B.**

**E. "Lobbying" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 9.**

**F. "Public charity" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 194, subsection 1.**

**G. "Trade association" means a group of for-profit corporations collaborating to fund joint advocacy.**

**2. Limitations on rates.** The following expenses, whether paid directly or indirectly, through reimbursement or otherwise, incurred by a public utility or an affiliated interest may not be included or incorporated in operating expenses to be recovered in rates: