

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS  
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

December 2021

**STAFF:**

JANET STOCCO, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
SAMUEL PRAWER, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS  
13 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1670  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/opla/>

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. LOUIS JOSEPH LUCHINI, CHAIR  
SEN. CRAIG V. HICKMAN\*  
SEN. BRADLEE T. FARRIN  
SEN. SUSAN A. DESCHAMBAULT\*

REP. CHRISTOPHER J. CAIAZZO, CHAIR  
REP. JOYCE MCCREIGHT  
REP. JOHN L. TUTTLE  
REP. MORGAN J. RIELLY  
REP. LAURA D. SUPICA  
REP. BARBARA A. WOOD  
REP. MARYANNE KINNEY  
REP. MATTHEW A. HARRINGTON  
REP. PATRICK W. COREY  
REP. JOSANNE C. DOLLOFF

\*Committee member for a portion of the session

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

tamper-evident container bearing a label identifying the licensee, the date of preparation and the cocktail's ingredients.

Public Law 2021, chapter 3 also temporarily permits, until September 10, 2022, a licensed Maine distillery or small distillery that operates a tasting room but that does not operate a licensed on-premises retail establishment to sell the spirits it manufactures for off-premises consumption as an ingredient of an approved cocktail. An approved cocktail sold by a licensed Maine distillery or small distillery need not be accompanied by a food order and may contain wine and spirits products not manufactured by the distillery or small distillery as long as those ingredients were purchased from an agency liquor store licensed as a reselling agent.

An employee of an on-premises retailer, distillery or small distillery may deliver liquor sold for off-premises consumption at the licensed premises or at a remote location as long as the individual making the delivery verifies that the person to whom the delivery is made is at least 21 years of age. If liquor is delivered to a customer at a remote location, the employee making the delivery must also be at least 21 years of age.

Public Law 2021, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

### **LD 306 An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 7 temporarily exempts restaurants and other entities seeking to renew an on-premises retail liquor license that expires on or before January 1, 2022 from any applicable statutory requirement that a certain percentage or dollar amount of the entity's income during the previous year must have been from the sale of food. If the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations denied an on-premises retail license renewal application between January 1, 2021 and the effective date of this legislation solely on the basis that the licensee failed to comply with an applicable statutory food-sales requirement, Public Law 2021, chapter 7 directs the bureau to grant the license renewal.

Public Law 2021, chapter 7 also requires the bureau to grant a 90-day license extension to each on-premises retail liquor licensee that had an active license during the entire period beginning March 18, 2020 and ending June 16, 2020, during which restaurants were required to close their dine-in facilities due to the public health emergency created by COVID-19.

Public Law 2021, chapter 7 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.