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LD 307 An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 8 clarifies that a Maine manufacturer of spirits, wine, malt liquor or low-alcohol spirits products may sell and ship its products to a person located in another state, as long as the sale and shipment are both authorized by and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the law of the state where the shipment is delivered. Spirits produced by a Maine manufacturer and sold either to an out-of-state distributor for resale in another state or directly to a consumer in another state are exempt from Maine's consumer's tax and wine, malt liquor and low-alcohol spirits products produced by a Maine manufacturer and sold either to an out-of-state wholesaler for resale in another state or directly to a consumer in another state are exempt from Maine's excise tax. Public Law 2021, chapter 8 also makes technical changes to the laws governing these taxes to remove internal inconsistencies and ambiguities.

Public Law 2021, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

LD 591 An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 172 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue an additional agency liquor store license in each municipality with a population over 20,000. Accordingly, under Public Law 2021, chapter 172, the bureau may issue up to 12 agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population over 60,000; up to 11 agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population between 45,001 and 60,000; up to 10 agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population between 30,001 and 45,000; and up to nine agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population between 20,001 and 30,000.

LD 605 An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 226 makes the following changes to the laws governing adult use marijuana.

1. It amends the definitions of "marijuana trim" and "mother plant."
2. It expands the permitted uses of the Adult Use Marijuana Public Health and Safety Fund.
3. It exempts sample collector licensees from the requirement to register with the State Tax Assessor to collect and remit sales tax.

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4. It removes the repeal of the law providing for licensee self-sampling of marijuana for the purpose of mandatory testing.

Public Law 2021, chapter 226 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2021.

LD 625 Resolve, Directing a Review of Crucial Needs and Lapses in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Trauma in the Maine National Guard

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 21 directs the Adjutant General to review the implementation of the recommendations made in the report submitted pursuant to Resolve 2013, chapter 66 regarding the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of sexual assault by members of the Maine National Guard and the appropriate treatment of Maine National Guard members who are victims of sexual assault. The Adjutant General must submit a report on the results of the review to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by March 1, 2022 that includes suggested legislation and that identifies any crucial needs and lapses in responding to and preventing military sexual trauma.

LD 658 An Act To Provide Funding for 2 Veteran Service Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 429 provides ongoing funding for two new veteran service officer positions in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

LD 670 An Act To Increase the Lobbyist Registration Fee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 114 increases from \$200 to \$250 the fee that a lobbyist must pay to register to lobby on behalf of each of the lobbyist's employers and increases from \$100 to \$125 the fee for each lobbyist associate who is included in the registration. The law also newly authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to waive these fees, in whole or in part, if the commission determines that the fees constitute an economic hardship to the lobbyist's employer.