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28-A, section 1361 and by in-state manufacturers of malt liquor or wine licensed under section 1355-A.

LD 1751 An Act To Extend the Changes to the Liquor Laws Made by Public Law 2021, Chapters 3 and 91

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 514 extends through March 30, 2025:

1. The authority granted to qualified on-premises retailers and qualified distilleries by Public Law 2021, chapter 3 to sell liquor for off-premises consumption; and
2. The authority granted to licensed Maine distilleries and small distilleries by Public Law 2021, chapter 91 to sell cocktails containing samples of their spirits products for on-premises consumption.

LD 1754 An Act To Modify the Reporting Requirements for Major Contributors to Ballot Question Campaigns and To Make a Technical Change to the Campaign Finance Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 530 amends in the following ways the law requiring major contributors, that are non-individuals who contribute more than \$100,000 to a single ballot question committee or political action committee for any one direct initiative or people's veto referendum campaign, to file a report with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices disclosing the five largest sources of funds received by the major contributor during a specified time period prior to and during the time in which the major contributor made its contributions related to the ballot question.

1. It exempts from the major contributor reporting requirement ballot question committees and political action committees that qualify as major contributors but that are already registered with the commission.
2. It exempts from disclosure any funds that are received by the major contributor in the ordinary course of the major contributor's regular trade or business or as investment income; that are restricted to purposes unrelated to the ballot question; or that derive from a source that provided no more than \$5,000 to the major contributor during the specified time period.
3. It restructures and clarifies the enforcement provisions regarding potential violations of the major contributor law and the factors that the commission must consider in assessing penalties.

Public Law 2021, chapter 530 also provides that, notwithstanding that ballot question committees are distinct from political action committees under Maine law, the electronic filing system through