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An Act To Extend the Hours for Sale and Delivery of Alcohol

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 21, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Hours for sale of liquor. Except as provided in paragraphs A to D, licensees may sell or deliver liquor from 6 a.m. on any day until 13 a.m. of the following day.

A. Licensees may not sell liquor on Sunday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.

B. Licensees may sell liquor on January 1st of any year from 12 midnight to 23 a.m.

(1) In areas in which liquor may be sold except on Sundays, if January 1st falls on a Monday, licensees may sell or deliver liquor between 9 p.m. Sunday, December 31st and 23 a.m. January 1st, notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary.

D. Wholesale licensees may sell or deliver liquor to licensed establishments from 4 a.m. on any day until 13 a.m. the following day.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 730, §14, is further amended to read:

2. Consumption and possession of liquor. Except as provided in ~~paragraphs A and paragraph B~~, licensees may not permit the consumption or possession of liquor on their premises after ~~1:15~~15 a.m.

A. ~~Licensees may permit the consumption of liquor on their premises until 2:15 a.m. on January 1st.~~

B. This subsection does not apply to consumption or possession by bona fide hotel guests in their rooms.

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

3. Regulation of bottle clubs. ~~Except as provided in paragraph A, municipalities~~Municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the hours of 13 a.m. and 6 a.m.

A. ~~Municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on January 1st.~~

SUMMARY

HP0689, LD 914, item 1, 123rd Maine State Legislature
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This bill allows liquor licensees to sell or deliver liquor from 6 a.m. on any day until 3 a.m. of the following day. Current law allows liquor licensees to sell or deliver liquor from 6 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day.