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**An Act To Assist Certain Businesses in the State That Sell Prepared
Food or Alcohol**

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Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: MORRIS of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1820** is enacted to read:

3 **§1820. Tax retained for sales of prepared food and liquor sold on premises**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part to the contrary, for sales, including
5 so-called sales-to-go, of prepared food and liquor subject to a tax at 8% under section 1811,
6 subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraphs (1) and (2), beginning January 1, 2022, a retailer
7 may retain 1/8 of the revenue collected pursuant to those subparagraphs to cover
8 administrative expenses and pay over to the State Tax Assessor the remaining 7/8 in the
9 manner provided in chapter 219.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill permits retailers selling prepared food or liquor sold by establishments
12 licensed for on-premises sales to retain 1/8 of the sales tax collected on those sales to cover
13 administrative expenses.