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**An Act To Correct Errors, Inconsistencies and Conflicts in and To
Revise the State's Liquor Laws**

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2003-A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 139, §1, is further amended
3 by amending the section headnote to read:

4 **§2003-A. Definitions Public drinking**

5 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

6 **§1. Compliance required; penalty**

7 ~~Any~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, a person who that purchases, imports, causes
8 to be imported, transports, causes to be transported, manufactures, possesses or, sells or
9 offers for sale alcohol in violation of law commits a Class E crime.

10 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 539, §1, is further
11 amended to read:

12 **1. Agency liquor store.** "Agency liquor store" means a person ~~who~~ that is licensed
13 by the bureau to sell spirits, ~~wine and malt liquor~~ to be consumed off the premises.

14 **Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

15 **2-C. Bed and breakfast guest.** "Bed and breakfast guest" means a person whose
16 name and address are registered on a registry maintained by a bed and breakfast and who
17 is the bona fide occupant of a room of the bed and breakfast.

18 **Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended
19 to read:

20 **4. Bottler.** "Bottler" means a person ~~who~~ that packages spirits, wine or ~~beer~~ malt
21 liquor for sale in containers; and is not engaged in distilling, brewing, fermenting or
22 rectifying liquor.

23 **Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended
24 to read:

25 **5. Brewer Brewery.** "Brewer Brewery" means a person who produces malt liquor by
26 fermentation of malt, wholly or partially, or from any substitute for malt. that engages in
27 the activities under either paragraph A or B, or both:

28 A. Brewing, lagering and kegging, bottling or packaging the person's own malt liquor;
29 or

30 B. Producing or bottling low-alcohol spirits products consisting of malt liquor to which
31 spirits have been added.

32 **Sec. 7. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended
33 to read:

34 **7. Catering.** "Catering" means service of liquor with or without food by a person to
35 groups at a prearranged function.

36 A. ~~Off-premise~~ Off-premises catering means service of liquor with or without food
37 by a licensee to groups at prearranged functions located at a place other than the
38 licensee's premises.

1 B. ~~"On-premise~~ "On-premises catering" means service of liquor with or without food
2 by a licensed club having the catering privilege to groups of nonmembers at
3 prearranged functions.

4 **Sec. 8. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§9-B** is enacted to read:

5 **9-B. Club member.** "Club member" means a person who, whether as a charter
6 member or admitted in accordance with the bylaws of the club, is a bona fide member of
7 that club and who maintains membership in good standing by payment of dues in a bona
8 fide manner in accordance with bylaws and whose name and address are entered on the list
9 of members. A person who does not have full club privileges may not be considered a bona
10 fide member.

11 **Sec. 9. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§10-B** is enacted to read:

12 **10-B. Dining car or passenger car.** "Dining car" or "passenger car" means a railroad
13 car in which food and liquor are served.

14 **Sec. 10. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§11,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
15 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

16 **11. Distillery.** "Distillery" means a person that engages in the activities under either
17 paragraph A or B, or both:

18 A. Producing the person's own spirits by the process of distillation; or

19 B. Producing low-alcohol spirits products.

20 **Sec. 11. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§11-E** is enacted to read:

21 **11-E. Full meal.** "Full meal" means a meal consisting of a diversified selection of
22 food that ordinarily cannot be consumed without the use of tableware and that cannot be
23 conveniently consumed while standing or walking.

24 **Sec. 12. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§12-B** is enacted to read:

25 **12-B. Hotel guest.** "Hotel guest" means a person whose name and address are
26 registered on a registry maintained by a hotel and who is the bona fide occupant of a room
27 of the hotel.

28 **Sec. 13. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§12-C** is enacted to read:

29 **12-C. International air terminal.** "International air terminal" means a terminal in an
30 airport served by one or more bona fide international airlines.

31 **Sec. 14. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§12-D** is enacted to read:

32 **12-D. International passenger in transit.** "International passenger in transit" means
33 an airline passenger who is in transit and whose point of origin or point of destination is a
34 foreign country.

35 **Sec. 15. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 281, §§2 and 3, is
36 further amended to read:

37 **15. Licensed establishment.** "Licensed establishment" means premises to which a
38 license for the sale of spirits, wine or malt liquor to be consumed on or off the licensed
39 premises applies; and any person or organization which that is licensed to sell spirits, wine

1 or malt liquor ~~in~~ during the times, and in the places and manners as specified in the license.
2 The following may be licensed establishments.

3 A. "Airline corporation" means ~~any~~ a person operating regularly scheduled intrastate
4 or interstate passenger air transportation.

5 B. "Auditorium" means ~~any~~ a commercially operated indoor or outdoor facility
6 designed or used for the gathering of an audience for speeches and live performances
7 of theater, music, dance or other performing arts that charges a fee and has adequate
8 facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor.

9 B-1. "Bowling center" means an indoor facility ~~operating~~ that operates at least 8
10 regulation lanes for the purpose of conducting the game of bowling ~~which, that~~ is open
11 to the ~~general~~ public and ~~which~~ that has ~~suitable~~ adequate facilities for the sale and
12 consumption of liquor.

13 B-2. "Bed and breakfast" means a place that advertises itself as a bed and breakfast
14 where the public for a fee may obtain overnight accommodations that include a
15 sleeping room or rooms and at least one meal per day.

16 C. "Civic auditorium" means a municipal, county or state or a quasi-municipal, quasi-
17 county or quasi-state owned or operated auditorium or civic center.

18 D. "Club" means ~~any reputable~~ a group of individuals incorporated and operating in a
19 bona fide manner solely for purposes of recreational, social, patriotic or fraternal nature
20 and not for pecuniary gain.

21 ~~(1) "Club member" means a person who, whether as a charter member or admitted~~
22 ~~in accordance with the bylaws of the club, has become a bona fide member of that~~
23 ~~club and who maintains membership in good standing by payment of dues in a~~
24 ~~bona fide manner in accordance with bylaws and whose name and address is~~
25 ~~entered on the list of members. No person who does not have full club privileges~~
26 ~~may be considered a bona fide member.~~

27 D-1. "Curling club center" means ~~any~~ a facility ~~offering~~ that offers curling facilities to
28 the public for a fee, that offers food for sale to the public and that has adequate facilities
29 for the sale and consumption of liquor.

30 D-2. "Common consumption area" means an area designated as a common area within
31 an entertainment district in which customers of more than one common consumption
32 area licensee are permitted to consume spirits, wine and malt liquor sold by the
33 common consumption area licensees.

34 E. "Dining car" and "passenger car" mean cars in which food and liquor are served.

35 F-1. "Disc golf course" means ~~any~~ a commercially operated facility ~~offering~~ that offers
36 disc golfing facilities to the ~~general~~ public for a fee, that offers food for sale to the
37 public and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor. A disc
38 golf course ~~consists of~~ must have no less ~~fewer~~ than 18 disc golfing holes with a total
39 distance of no less than 5,000 feet per 18 disc golfing holes and ~~has~~ must have a value
40 of not less than \$50,000.

41 G. "Golf course" means a commercially operated facility, whether publicly or privately
42 owned, ~~offering~~ that offers golfing facilities to the ~~general~~ public for a fee, including a
43 ~~regulation-size~~ regulation-size golf course of ~~not less~~ no fewer than 9 holes and an

1 average total of not less than 1,200 yards per 9 holes, that has a value of not less than
2 \$100,000, that offers food for sale to the public and that has adequate facilities for the
3 sale and consumption of liquor.

4 H. "Hotel" means ~~any reputable~~ a place operated by responsible persons of good
5 ~~reputation,~~ where the public obtains sleeping accommodations for a consideration and
6 where ~~meals may be served~~ food is offered for sale to the public, whether or not under
7 one roof. Nothing in this paragraph may be held to prevent the bureau from issuing a
8 part-time license to a bona fide part-time hotel.

9 (1) ~~A hotel is considered to be serving meals when it provides on the premises one~~
10 ~~or more public dining rooms, open and serving food during the morning, afternoon~~
11 ~~and evening, and a separate kitchen in which food is regularly prepared for the~~
12 ~~public.~~

13 (2) ~~Nothing in this paragraph may be held to prevent the bureau from issuing part-~~
14 ~~time licenses to bona fide part-time hotels.~~

15 (3) ~~"Hotel guest" means a person whose name and address is registered on the~~
16 ~~registry maintained by the hotel and who is the bona fide occupant of a room of~~
17 ~~the hotel. A person registering solely for the purpose of obtaining liquor is not~~
18 ~~considered a hotel guest.~~

19 I. "Incorporated civic organization" means ~~any~~ an organization incorporated as a
20 corporation without stock under Title 13, chapter 81 or Title 13-B with a civic or
21 charitable purpose, including but not limited to relief of poverty, advancement of
22 education and the arts, promotion of social health, safety and welfare, fostering
23 community and economic development, protection against animal cruelty, combating
24 community deterioration, lessening the burdens of government and providing
25 assistance to the underprivileged and distressed.

26 J. "Indoor ice skating ~~club~~ center" means ~~any~~ a commercially operated indoor facility
27 ~~offering that offers~~ ice skating facilities to the ~~general~~ public, ~~which charges for~~ a fee,
28 that offers food for sale to the public and which that has adequate facilities for the sale
29 and consumption of liquor.

30 K. "Indoor racquet ~~club~~ center" means ~~any~~ a commercially operated indoor facility
31 with 4 or more courts or areas designed or used for the playing of ~~any~~ a racquet sport,
32 ~~which that~~ is open to the ~~general~~ public, ~~which charges for~~ a fee, that offers food for
33 sale to the public and which that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption
34 of liquor. Racquet sports include tennis, squash, handball, paddleball and badminton.

35 K-1. ~~"International air terminal" means an airport served by one or more bona fide~~
36 ~~international air carriers.~~

37 L. "Class A lounge" means a ~~reputable~~ place ~~operated by responsible persons of good~~
38 ~~reputation,~~ where food and liquor are sold at tables, booths and counters.

39 L-1. "Minibar" means a self-contained locking cabinet, refrigerated or unrefrigerated,
40 designed for storing, dispensing and selling liquor and related merchandise.

41 M. "Outdoor stadium" means ~~any~~ a commercially operated outdoor facility with 3,000
42 or more fixed seats that is designed or used for the playing of ~~any~~ a sport or for an

1 event, that is open to the ~~general public, charges for a fee and~~ that has adequate facilities
2 for the sale and consumption of wine and malt liquor.

3 N. "Performing arts center" means ~~any a~~ a charitable or nonprofit corporation
4 incorporated as a corporation without capital stock under Title 13, chapter 81; and
5 ~~which that~~ that has as its primary purpose the encouragement, promotion and presentation
6 of the arts for the benefit of the ~~general public~~.

7 N-1. "Pool hall" means a pool hall or billiard room that contains at least 6 regulation
8 pool tables and generates at least 50% of its gross annual income from the sale of games
9 of pool or the rental of pool tables.

10 O. "Public service corporation" means an airline corporation, railroad corporation or
11 vessel corporation operating in the State.

12 P. "Qualified catering service" means a catering establishment as defined in Title 22,
13 chapter 562; and licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

14 P-1. "Railroad corporation" means a corporation operating one or more dining cars or
15 passenger cars within the State.

16 Q. "Restaurant" means a ~~reputable place operated by responsible persons of good~~
17 ~~reputation, which that~~ that is regularly used for the purpose of providing food for the public;
18 and ~~which that~~ that has adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and
19 capacity for preparing and serving suitable food for the public.

20 R. "Class A restaurant" means a ~~reputable place operated by responsible persons of~~
21 ~~good reputation~~ that is regularly used for the purpose of providing full ~~course~~ meals
22 for the public on the premises, that is equipped with a separate and complete kitchen;
23 and that maintains adequate dining room equipment and capacity for preparing and
24 serving full ~~course~~ meals upon the premises. A Class A restaurant/lounge is not a Class
25 A restaurant.

26 ~~(1) A full course meal consists of a diversified selection of food that ordinarily~~
27 ~~cannot be consumed without the use of tableware and that cannot be conveniently~~
28 ~~consumed while standing or walking.~~

29 R-1. "Class A restaurant/lounge" means a ~~reputable place operated by responsible~~
30 ~~persons of good reputation~~ that is regularly used for the purpose of providing full
31 ~~course~~ meals for the public on the premises, that is equipped with a separate and
32 complete kitchen; and that maintains adequate dining room equipment and capacity for
33 preparing and serving full ~~course~~ meals upon the premises but that:

- 34 (1) After 9 p.m., serves liquor and does not serve full ~~course~~ meals; or
35 (2) Maintains a room or rooms, separate from the main restaurant space, in which
36 full ~~course~~ meals are not regularly served and where liquor is sold at tables, booths
37 and counters.

38 ~~For purposes of this paragraph, the term "full course meals" means meals consisting of~~
39 ~~a diversified selection of food that ordinarily can not be consumed without the use of~~
40 ~~tableware and that can not be conveniently consumed while standing or walking.~~

41 S. "Ship chandler" means a retail establishment supplying provisions, including malt
42 liquor and wine, to ships of foreign registry.

1 T-1. "Tavern" means a ~~reputable place operated by responsible persons~~ where food
2 ~~may be sold~~ and malt liquor may be sold at tables, booths and counters.

3 ~~V. "Vessel" means any ship, vessel or boat of any kind used for navigation of the~~
4 ~~coastal water or for commercial navigation of inland waters and licensed for carrying~~
5 ~~not less than 25 passengers under the requirements of the Public Utilities Commission~~
6 ~~or the United States Coast Guard.~~

7 W. "Vessel corporation" means a corporation operating one or more vessels within the
8 State.

9 **Sec. 16. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§16-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 301, §1, is further
10 amended to read:

11 **16-A. Low-alcohol spirits product.** "Low-alcohol spirits product" means a product
12 containing spirits that has ~~an alcohol content of more than 1/2 of 1% of alcohol by volume~~
13 but no more than 8% or less of alcohol by volume. Beginning July 1, 2019, "low-alcohol
14 spirits product" does not mean a flavoring, such as an extract or concentrate, added to a
15 malt beverage or wine that:

16 A. May or may not contain alcohol;

17 B. Is not intended to be consumed alone as a beverage or a food product but serves as
18 a flavor enhancement to a beverage or a food product; and

19 C. Is not, prior to being added to a malt beverage or wine, subject to excise tax under
20 chapter 65.

21 **Sec. 17. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§19-A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 458, §1, is
22 repealed.

23 **Sec. 18. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§23-A**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 760, §1, is
24 repealed.

25 **Sec. 19. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§25**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
26 amended to read:

27 **25. Rectifier.** "Rectifier" means a person ~~who~~ that produces spirits or low-alcohol
28 spirits products by combining spirits with other products.

29 **Sec. 20. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§27**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §18, is further
30 amended to read:

31 **27. Retailer or retail licensee.** "Retailer" or "retail licensee" means ~~any~~ a person
32 licensed by the bureau to engage in the purchase and resale of liquor in the original
33 container or by the drink; for on-premises or off-premises consumption ~~on or off the~~
34 ~~premises where sold~~. "Retailer" does and "retail licensee" do not include wholesalers as
35 defined in subsection 35.

36 A. ~~"Off-premise~~ Off-premises retail licensee" means a person licensed to sell liquor in
37 sealed bottles, containers or original packages to be consumed off the premises where
38 sold.

39 B. ~~"On-premise~~ On-premises retail licensee" means a person licensed to sell liquor to
40 be consumed on the premises where sold.

1 **Sec. 21. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§29**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 529, §2, is further
2 amended to read:

3 **29. Small brewery.** "Small brewery" means a ~~facility that brews, lagers and kegs,~~
4 ~~bottles or packages its own malt liquor, not to exceed 30,000 barrels per year. person that~~
5 ~~engages in the activities under either paragraph A or B, or both:~~

6 A. Brewing, lagering and kegging, bottling or packaging the person's own malt liquor;
7 or

8 B. Producing or bottling low-alcohol spirits products consisting of malt liquor to which
9 spirits have been added.

10 "Small brewery" does not include a person that engages in the activities described in
11 paragraph A or B that produces in total more than 30,000 barrels per year of malt liquor
12 and low-alcohol spirits products consisting of malt liquor to which spirits have been added.

13 **Sec. 22. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§29-A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §1, is further
14 amended to read:

15 **29-A. Small distillery.** "Small distillery" means a ~~distiller that produces spirits in an~~
16 ~~amount that does not exceed 50,000 gallons per year. person that engages in the activities~~
17 ~~under either paragraph A or B, or both:~~

18 A. Producing the person's own spirits by the process of distillation; or

19 B. Producing low-alcohol spirits products.

20 "Small distillery" does not include a person that engages in the activities described in
21 paragraph A or B that produces in total more than 50,000 gallons per year of spirits and
22 low-alcohol spirits products.

23 **Sec. 23. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§29-B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 529, §3, is further
24 amended to read:

25 **29-B. Small winery.** "Small winery" means a ~~facility~~ person that ferments, ages and
26 or bottles:

27 A. Up to 50,000 gallons per year of its ~~the~~ person's own wine that is not hard cider;
28 and

29 B. Up to 3,000 barrels per year of its ~~the~~ person's own wine that is hard cider.

30 **Sec. 24. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§31-A**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. A, §1 and
31 amended by c. 368, Pt. V, §61, is further amended to read:

32 **31-A. Spirits administration.** "Spirits administration" ~~or "administration"~~ means the
33 management of spirits activities involving the distribution and sale of spirits by the bureau
34 ~~or any person awarded a contract under section 90~~ the wholesale spirits provider. "Spirits
35 administration" includes, but is not limited to, financial and performance management;
36 profitable and responsible growth management; management of contracts; management of
37 agency liquor store matters and orders; personnel management; monitoring and reporting
38 of spirits inventory; management of bailment records and billing; management of accounts
39 receivable, accounts payable and tax collection and reporting; and sales and profit
40 reporting. "Spirits administration" does not include warehousing and distribution of spirits
41 by the bureau.

1 **Sec. 25. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§31-B**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. A, §1 and
2 amended by c. 368, Pt. V, §61, is further amended to read:

3 **31-B. Spirits trade marketing.** "~~Spirits trade marketing~~ or "~~trade marketing~~" means
4 oversight and management by the bureau or any person awarded a spirits trade marketing
5 contract under section 90. "Spirits trade marketing" includes, but is not limited to, agency
6 liquor store category management, analysis and recommendations; agency liquor store
7 shelf reset recommendations; agency liquor store displays, advertising, point-of-sale
8 material and event marketing recommendations; development, production and distribution
9 of sales, marketing and informational publications; consultation and coordination with
10 spirits suppliers and brokers on matters affecting their brands; and development, production
11 and distribution of any social responsibility initiatives and compliance related to those
12 initiatives.

13 **Sec. 26. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§31-C** is enacted to read:

14 **31-C. Spirits supplier.** "Spirits supplier" means a person that provides spirits for sale
15 by the bureau in the State, including:

16 A. An in-state or out-of-state spirits manufacturer;

17 B. A person that engages in the out-of-state purchase of spirits for resale to the bureau;
18 and

19 C. An agent or representative of a person described in paragraph A or B.

20 **Sec. 27. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§32-A**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 345, §1, is
21 amended to read:

22 **32-A. Tenant brewer brewery.** "~~Tenant brewer brewery~~" means a person ~~who~~ that
23 has submitted a brewer's notice to and received approval from the United States Department
24 of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau authorizing the ~~brewer person~~
25 to engage in an alternating proprietorship as defined by federal regulation and is licensed
26 by the bureau to produce malt liquor and low-alcohol spirits products consisting of malt
27 liquor to which spirits have been added at a manufacturing facility of another ~~brewer who~~
28 brewery that is licensed by the bureau.

29 **Sec. 28. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§33-A** is enacted to read:

30 **33-A. Vessel.** "Vessel" means a ship, vessel or boat of any kind used for navigation
31 of the coastal waters or for commercial navigation of inland waters and licensed for
32 carrying no fewer than 25 passengers under the requirements of the Public Utilities
33 Commission or the United States Coast Guard.

34 **Sec. 29. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§34**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §20, is further
35 amended to read:

36 **34. Wholesale licensee.** "Wholesale licensee" means a person licensed by the bureau
37 under section 1401 as a an in-state wholesaler.

38 **Sec. 30. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§34-A** is enacted to read:

39 **34-A. Wholesale spirits provider.** "Wholesale spirits provider" means a person that
40 has a contract under section 90 to serve as an agent of the State for the purpose of providing

1 wholesale spirits to establishments licensed by the State to sell spirits for off-premises
2 consumption.

3 **Sec. 31. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§35**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §12, is further
4 amended to read:

5 **35. Wholesaler.** "Wholesaler" means a person ~~who~~ that engages in the purchase and
6 resale of ~~malt or brewed beverages or wines~~ malt liquor or wine, or both, in sealed bottles,
7 containers or original packages, as prepared for the market by the manufacturer at the place
8 of manufacture, but not for consumption, ~~except when taste testing, on the premises of that~~
9 ~~wholesaler~~ during a taste-testing event conducted in accordance with the requirements of
10 this Title.

11 **Sec. 32. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§36**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 462, §5, is further
12 amended to read:

13 **36. Wine.** "Wine" means ~~any~~ liquor containing not more than 24% alcohol by volume
14 that is produced by the fermentation of fruit or other agricultural products containing sugar
15 or wine to which spirits have been added not to exceed 24% alcohol by volume. "Wine"
16 includes, but is not limited to, hard cider, wine coolers, table wine, still wine, sparkling
17 wine, champagne and fortified wine, ~~provided that the alcohol content is not above~~ do not
18 contain more than 24% alcohol by volume.

19 **Sec. 33. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§37**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 767, §3, is further
20 amended to read:

21 **37. Winery.** "Winery" means a ~~facility~~ person that ferments, ages ~~and~~ or bottles the
22 person's own wine and hard cider.

23 **Sec. 34. 28-A MRSA §3-B, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §4,
24 is amended to read:

25 A. Purchase of spirits ~~and, until June 30, 2014, fortified wine;~~

26 **Sec. 35. 28-A MRSA §3-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §4, is
27 amended to read:

28 **2. Timing of payment from agency liquor store.** An agency liquor store, when
29 approved by the bureau, may pay for spirits purchased from the bureau by mailing a check
30 for payment to the bureau or ~~an entity awarded a contract under section 90~~ the wholesale
31 spirits provider when notified of the amount due or upon receiving a delivery of spirits.
32 Payments remitted by check must be received or postmarked within 3 days of receipt of a
33 delivery of spirits or notification of the amount due. Payments remitted using electronic
34 funds transfer must be debited within 3 days of receipt of a delivery of spirits or notification
35 of the amount due.

36 **Sec. 36. 28-A MRSA §3-B, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §4, is
37 amended to read:

38 **3. Payments returned for insufficient funds or not honored; suspension.** If a
39 payment made to the bureau is returned for insufficient funds or is not honored, the bureau
40 shall immediately notify the licensee. If the bureau does not receive payment in full, in a
41 manner prescribed by the bureau, by 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd business day after notifying the
42 licensee, the bureau, notwithstanding chapter 33 and Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 5,

1 may immediately suspend the licensee's license. The director of the bureau or the director's
2 designee shall notify the licensee of the suspension and shall demand that the licensee
3 provide proof of payment within 30 days of the date of suspension. If the licensee fails to
4 show proof that the payment returned for insufficient funds or not honored was
5 subsequently paid in full, the suspension remains in effect until payment is made or until
6 the license is subject to renewal as provided in section 458. A licensee aggrieved by a
7 decision of the director or the director's designee may request in writing and must be
8 granted a hearing before the District Court, which shall consider the matter in the same
9 manner as is provided in section 803. The bureau may require a licensee whose payment is
10 returned for insufficient funds or not honored to make all payments to the bureau by cash,
11 certified check or money order only for a period not to exceed one year for each instance
12 of payments returned for insufficient funds or not honored. For the purposes of this
13 subsection, payments made to the bureau include payments to ~~the entity contracted by the~~
14 ~~State under section 90~~ the wholesale spirits provider.

15 **Sec. 37. 28-A MRSA §4, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 74, §1, is further
16 amended to read:

17 **1. Hours for sale of liquor.** Except as provided in ~~paragraphs B and D~~ this subsection,
18 licensees may sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following
19 day.

20 B. Licensees may sell liquor on January 1st of any year from 12 midnight to 2 a.m.

21 (1) In areas in which liquor may be sold except on Sundays, if January 1st falls on
22 a Monday, licensees may sell or deliver liquor between 9 p.m. Sunday, December
23 31st and 2 a.m. January 1st, notwithstanding any local option decisions to the
24 contrary.

25 D. Wholesale licensees may sell or deliver liquor to licensed establishments from 4
26 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. the following day.

27 E. An on-premises retail licensee located in an international air terminal may sell liquor
28 to an international passenger in transit at any time of day.

29 **Sec. 38. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 46, §2, is
30 amended to read:

31 A. Liquor sold by the manufacturer for on-premises consumption pursuant to section
32 1355-A, subsection 2, paragraph ~~E, F~~ B or I; or

33 **Sec. 39. 28-A MRSA §10**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §3 and c. 324, §1, is
34 further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

35 **§10. Class A restaurant and ~~off-premise~~ off-premises retail licensee on same premises**

36 **Sec. 40. 28-A MRSA §10, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 344, §1, is further
37 amended to read:

38 **1. Class A restaurant or restaurant and ~~off-premise~~ off-premises retail licensee**
39 **on same premises not prohibited.** If a portion of the premises is licensed as an ~~off-~~
40 ~~premise~~ off-premises retail licensee, no provision within this Title may be construed to
41 prohibit issuance of a Class III or Class IV license to the same licensee for a restaurant or

1 Class A restaurant for the remaining portion of the premises, as long as necessary
2 qualifications are maintained for each separately licensed area.

3 **Sec. 41. 28-A MRSA §10, sub-§2-B, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §3, is
4 further amended to read:

5 B. When access between the 2 licensed areas exists for patrons of either establishment,
6 all malt liquor and wine sold for on-premises consumption must be served by an
7 employee of the licensed on-premises establishment and ~~may be served only when~~
8 ~~accompanying food or a full course meal prepared in a separate and complete kitchen~~
9 ~~on the premises. A restaurant under this paragraph must serve food. For the purposes~~
10 ~~of this paragraph, "food" includes cold or hot meals, including sandwiches and salads,~~
11 ~~but is not limited to hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, pizzas and other food items~~
12 ~~that customarily appear on a restaurant menu. "Food" does not include prepackaged~~
13 ~~snack foods such as popcorn, chips or pretzels. A Class A restaurant under this~~
14 ~~paragraph must serve a full course meal.:~~

15 (1) Must be accompanied by a full meal prepared in a separate and complete
16 kitchen on the premises of the on-premises establishment if the on-premises
17 establishment is a Class A restaurant; or

18 (2) Must be accompanied by a full meal or a hot or cold meal prepared in a separate
19 and complete kitchen on the premises of the on-premises establishment if the on-
20 premises establishment is a restaurant. For purposes of this subparagraph, a "hot
21 or cold meal" means a meal consisting of food items that customarily appear on a
22 restaurant menu, including, but not limited to, sandwiches, salads, hamburgers,
23 cheeseburgers, hot dogs and pizza. A meal consisting solely of prepackaged snack
24 foods such as popcorn, chips or pretzels is not a "hot or cold meal" within the
25 meaning of this subparagraph.

26 **Sec. 42. 28-A MRSA §10, sub-§2-B, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D,
27 §9, is amended to read:

28 C. Malt liquor or wine sold or served on the premises may not be transported by a
29 patron or employee of either establishment from one licensed area to another. The
30 licensee shall ensure that easily readable signs are conspicuously posted to inform the
31 public that transfer of ~~alcoholic beverages~~ malt liquor or wine from one licensed area
32 to another is strictly prohibited.

33 **Sec. 43. 28-A MRSA §11, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §25, is further
34 amended to read:

35 **1. Connection with other licensed premises.** Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ law or rule
36 of the bureau to the contrary, any a retailer's licensed ~~premise~~ premises may be connected
37 with ~~any other~~ another retailer's licensed ~~premise~~ premises by a doorway or other ~~apertures~~
38 aperture that ~~are~~ is not securely and permanently sealed.

39 **Sec. 44. 28-A MRSA §11, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
40 further amended to read:

41 **2. Violation of public drinking law.** ~~Any persons~~ A person taking a drink of liquor
42 to another person, offering a drink of liquor to another person or consuming liquor within
43 the licensed premises of an ~~off-premise~~ off-premises retail licensee under the common roof

1 ~~shall be~~ is considered in violation of and subject to punishment under Title 17, section
2 ~~2003-A and shall be punished accordingly.~~ This subsection does not prohibit product
3 sampling and taste testing authorized by and conducted in accordance with the
4 requirements of this Title.

5 **Sec. 45. 28-A MRSA §13**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 528, Pt. VV, §3 and c. 591,
6 Pt. VV, §3 and affected by c. 528, Pt. RRR, is repealed and the following enacted in its
7 place:

8 **§13. Low-alcohol spirits products sold by wine licensees**

9 **1. Retail sales.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a person
10 licensed to sell wine for on-premises or off-premises consumption may also sell low-
11 alcohol spirits products. All provisions of this Title applicable to wine, except chapters 65
12 and 67, apply to low-alcohol spirits products when sold by persons licensed to sell wine for
13 on-premises or off-premises consumption.

14 **2. Wholesale sales.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a
15 person licensed under section 1401 as an in-state wholesaler of wine may also sell and
16 distribute low-alcohol spirits products.

17 **Sec. 46. 28-A MRSA §14**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 68, §1, is repealed and the
18 following enacted in its place:

19 **§14. Hard cider sold by wine or malt liquor licensees**

20 **1. Retail sales.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a person
21 licensed to sell malt liquor for on-premises or off-premises consumption may also sell hard
22 cider. All provisions of this Title applicable to malt liquor, except chapter 65, apply to hard
23 cider when hard cider is sold by persons licensed to sell malt liquor for on-premises or off-
24 premises consumption. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a person licensed to sell wine
25 for on-premises or off-premises consumption from selling hard cider.

26 **2. Wholesale sales.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a
27 person licensed under section 1401 as an in-state wholesaler of malt liquor may also sell
28 and distribute hard cider. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a person licensed under
29 section 1401 as an in-state wholesaler of wine from selling and distributing hard cider.

30 **Sec. 47. 28-A MRSA §81, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 373, §28, is amended
31 to read:

32 **3. Listing of items.** The commission shall determine which spirits items may be listed
33 for sale in the State. Products listed must be made available by the spirits supplier at a
34 warehouse designated by the commission.

35 **Sec. 48. 28-A MRSA §81, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 373, §28, is amended
36 to read:

37 **4. Notice to delist or stop purchases.** Before any spirits item listed by the
38 commission is discontinued or delisted or before the commission issues any order to stop
39 purchases of any listed spirits item ~~listed~~, the commission shall give the vendor of the ~~items~~
40 item reasonable written notice of its intention to delist or stop purchase of the ~~items~~ item.

41 **Sec. 49. 28-A MRSA §83-B, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §9, is
42 amended to read:

1 **8. Rules for food service organizations.** Adopt rules permitting food service
2 organizations to purchase malt liquor, ~~wine and fortified~~ and wine from a wholesale
3 licensee, notwithstanding section 1401, subsection 9. For the purposes of this subsection,
4 "food service organization" means a business entity that provides catering services to
5 passengers on international flights and cruises. The rules must provide that a food service
6 organization is not required to have a license in order to purchase malt liquor, ~~wine and~~
7 ~~fortified~~ and wine from a wholesale licensee for consumption by passengers on
8 international flights and cruises after leaving port;

9 **Sec. 50. 28-A MRSA §83-C, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §9, is
10 amended to read:

11 **2. Price regulation.** ~~Establish~~ Make recommendations to the commission regarding
12 the retail prices of spirits sold in the State and establish the wholesale and retail prices of
13 spirits sold in this State. The bureau shall adopt rules regarding the wholesale pricing of
14 spirits and the retail pricing of spirits sold by to agency liquor stores. An entity awarded a
15 ~~contract under section 90~~ The wholesale spirits provider is granted the privilege to
16 distribute spirits under this Title and is immune from antitrust action so long as the ~~entity~~
17 wholesale spirits provider is in compliance with the bureau's rules and all other applicable
18 laws and regulations;

19 **Sec. 51. 28-A MRSA §83-C, sub-§2-A, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 404, §3, is
20 amended to read:

21 C. The bureau may reduce, at the expense of ~~the manufacturer or the spirits~~ supplier,
22 the retail price of those test-market spirits items that fail to meet set minimum gross
23 profit standards after a 3-month period.;

24 **Sec. 52. 28-A MRSA §83-C, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §9, is
25 amended to read:

26 **3. Purchase.** Oversee the wholesale purchase and storage of spirits for sale in the
27 State. ~~If the bureau awards a contract under section 90, spirits~~ Spirits delivered to the
28 wholesale spirits provider and stored at a warehouse ~~approved by the bureau~~ designated by
29 the commission under section 81 are the property of the spirits supplier. Spirits become
30 the property of the bureau upon removal from the warehouse for shipment to an agency
31 liquor store. Spirits delivered to an agency liquor store become the property of the licensee
32 upon receipt of delivery. ~~A person awarded a contract under section 90~~ The wholesale
33 spirits provider at no time takes legal title to any spirits delivered to the warehouse. The
34 bureau may buy and have in its possession spirits for sale to the public. The bureau shall
35 buy spirits directly and not through the State Purchasing Agent. All spirits must be free
36 from adulteration and misbranding;

37 **Sec. 53. 28-A MRSA §83-C, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §9, is
38 amended to read:

39 **5. Sales incentives to agents; rules.** Consider federal regulations that govern sales
40 incentives for ~~alcoholic beverages~~ spirits and the effect of a sales incentive program on
41 General Fund revenue and a pending or existing ~~contracts~~ contract with ~~any person awarded~~
42 ~~a contract under section 90~~ a wholesale spirits provider. The bureau may adopt rules to
43 provide for a sales incentive program for agency liquor stores. Rules adopted in accordance

1 with this subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to as defined in Title 5, chapter
2 375, subchapter 2-A;

3 **Sec. 54. 28-A MRSA §83-C, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §4, is further
4 amended to read:

5 **9. Report on expenditures.** Report annually on expenditures and investments made
6 by the bureau, including, but not limited to, reductions in the retail price at which spirits
7 are sold and incentives offered to agency liquor stores, to the joint standing committee of
8 the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint
9 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over ~~alcoholic beverage~~
10 beverages matters. The report must include the impact of those spending initiatives on the
11 number of cases of spirits sold in the State and on sales of spirits generally.

12 **Sec. 55. 28-A MRSA §84, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §61, is
13 further amended to read:

14 **2. Act as chief administrative officer of bureau.** Act as chief administrative officer
15 of the bureau, having general charge of the office and records and employ such personnel
16 as necessary to fulfill the purpose of this Title. The personnel must be employed with the
17 approval of the ~~Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services~~ commissioner and
18 are subject to the Civil Service Law;

19 **Sec. 56. 28-A MRSA §84, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 430, §1, is further
20 amended to read:

21 **4. Confer with commissioner.** Confer regularly as necessary or desirable and not
22 less than once a month with the ~~Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services~~
23 commissioner on the operation and administration of the bureau and make available for
24 inspection by the ~~Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services~~ commissioner,
25 upon request, all books, records, files and other information and documents of the bureau;

26 **Sec. 57. 28-A MRSA §85, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 476,
27 Pt. A, §11, is amended to read:

28 **2. Inventory.** The bureau may keep and have on hand a stock of spirits for sale, the
29 value of which when priced for resale must be computed on the delivered case cost F.O.B.
30 liquor warehouse designated by the commission filed by ~~liquor~~ spirits suppliers. The
31 inventory value must be based upon actual cost for which payment may be due. Spirits
32 may not be considered to be in the inventory until payment has been made for them.

33 **Sec. 58. 28-A MRSA §90**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. A, §4 and amended
34 by c. 368, Pt. V, §61, is further amended to read:

35 **§90. Contract for operations of wholesale ~~liquor~~ spirits activities**

36 **1. Statement of purpose.** The Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to seek
37 efficiencies and maximize growth in the State's wholesale spirits business while ensuring
38 that growth in revenue from the business is achieved in a socially responsible manner. The
39 contracting of the operations of the wholesale spirits business should serve this purpose
40 and provide the State's agency liquor store partners with effective and efficient services in
41 order to responsibly serve consumers of spirits in the State.

1 **2. Contract for operations.** ~~The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial~~
2 ~~Services, referred to in this section as "the commissioner,"~~ commissioner shall enter into a
3 contract for warehousing, distribution and spirits administration and a contract for spirits
4 trade marketing, each for a term of 10 years. Each contract must be awarded pursuant to a
5 competitive bid process in a manner similar to the process described in Title 5, chapter 155,
6 subchapter 1-A. The commissioner is prohibited from contracting with a bidder ~~who also~~
7 that holds or has a direct financial interest in, or that has a principal officer that holds or
8 has a direct financial interest in, a license or permit in this State or another state to ~~distill,~~
9 ~~bottle or manufacture~~ spirits. A minor investment in not more than 1% of the securities of
10 a business entity that holds a license or permit in this State or another state to manufacture
11 spirits does not constitute a financial interest prohibited by this subsection.

12 **3. Development of request for bid proposals; fee.** The commissioner shall develop
13 a request for proposals designed to encourage vigorous bidding for the purpose of awarding
14 2 contracts for the operations of the State's wholesale spirits business. The commissioner
15 shall request bids for the operation of spirits trade marketing separately from bids for the
16 combined operations of warehousing, distribution and spirits administration. In order to
17 be considered for a contract to conduct spirits trade marketing, a bidder must submit a
18 nonrefundable application fee of up to \$5,000. In order to be considered for a contract to
19 conduct warehousing, distribution and spirits administration, a bidder must submit a
20 nonrefundable application fee of up to \$20,000. The application fee must be credited to an
21 Other Special Revenue Funds account within the division of purchases within the
22 Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be used for managing the
23 application process. A request for proposals must inform potential bidders of the State's
24 target gross revenue profit margin over the term of the contract and require the bidder to
25 affirm that neither the bidder, ~~or nor~~ any of the principal officers of the bidder, ~~does not~~
26 ~~hold or have~~ has a direct financial interest in a license or permit in this State or ~~any other~~
27 another state for the ~~distillation, bottling or manufacture of alcoholic beverages~~ spirits,
28 other than a minor investment in not more than 1% of the securities of a business entity
29 that holds such a license or permit. The request for proposals must instruct potential bidders
30 to propose the scope of operations the bidder will provide and the fee for that service
31 expressed as a percentage of revenue generated by the wholesale business. The request for
32 proposals must direct bidders to indicate if the bidder intends to use subcontractors and to
33 identify those subcontractors. The request for proposals must also inform potential bidders
34 that they may propose incentives for the bidder intended to encourage responsible growth
35 of revenue and enhanced efficiencies in services provided.

36 **4. Information provided by bidders.** A bidder seeking consideration of the award
37 of a contract for the operations of the State's wholesale spirits business pursuant to this
38 section shall comply with the requirements of this subsection.

39 A. A bidder on a contract to operate the warehousing, distribution and spirits
40 administration functions of the wholesale spirits business shall identify services or
41 operations for which the bidder may use a subcontractor and shall demonstrate:

- 42 (1) The bidder's financial capacity and access to capital to maintain the operations;
43 (2) The bidder's capabilities to provide adequate transportation and distribution of
44 ~~liquor~~ spirits to agency liquor stores;

- 1 (3) The bidder's warehousing capabilities and proposed bailment rates for ~~liquor~~
2 spirits and related fees to be charged to ~~liquor~~ spirits suppliers;
- 3 (4) That the bidder, including any principal officer of the bidder and any named
4 subcontractor, is of good moral character and has not been found to have violated
5 any state or federal law or rule governing the manufacture, distribution or sale of
6 ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor;
- 7 (5) The bidder's knowledge of the wholesale liquor business, alcoholic beverage
8 industry or a related field;
- 9 (6) The bidder's plan to provide agency liquor stores with a minimum of 2
10 deliveries per week;
- 11 (7) The bidder's methods for processing orders and invoices, including any
12 minimum ordering requirements, split case restrictions and inventory control
13 plans;
- 14 (8) The bidder's business plan to provide services in a manner that will assist the
15 State in achieving a target growth rate comparable to or exceeding that of other
16 states that control the sale and distribution of ~~alcoholic beverages~~ spirits;
- 17 (9) The bidder's plan for enhancing services to ~~liquor~~ spirits suppliers and agency
18 liquor stores; and
- 19 (10) The positive impact on the economy, employment and state revenues that the
20 bidder's overall proposal will provide.

21 B. A bidder on a contract to provide spirits trade marketing shall:

- 22 (1) Demonstrate the bidder's business plan and marketing strategies to encourage
23 responsible growth to the wholesale spirits business;
- 24 (2) Demonstrate the bidder's experience or knowledge, if any, of responsible
25 marketing of ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor;
- 26 (3) Identify services for which the bidder may use a subcontractor;
- 27 (4) Demonstrate that the bidder, including any principal officer of the bidder and
28 any named subcontractor, is of good moral character and has not been found to
29 have violated any state or federal law or rule governing the manufacture,
30 distribution or sale of ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor; and
- 31 (5) Demonstrate the positive impact on the economy, employment and state
32 revenues that the bidder's overall proposal will provide.

33 In addition to the requirements of paragraphs A and B, the commissioner, in order to ensure
34 that the objective of maximizing growth in the State's wholesale spirits business is
35 achieved, may require bidders to provide additional information, including disclosure of
36 the potential of a bidder's direct and substantial conflict of interest with the State's financial
37 interest.

38 **5. Award criteria and issuance of ~~contract~~ contracts.** The commissioner shall select
39 successful bidders for the contract to conduct the operations of warehousing, distribution
40 and spirits administration and the contract to provide spirits trade marketing; however, both
41 contracts may be awarded to the same bidder. The commissioner shall choose the best
42 value bidder in conformity with Title 5, section 1825-B, subsection 7 and shall consider as

1 criteria for award the information required to be provided in subsection 4, as applicable.
2 When selecting a successful bidder for the contract to conduct the operations of
3 warehousing, distribution and spirits administration, the commissioner may not consider as
4 cause for disqualification for consideration any weakness in or inability to demonstrate
5 proficiency in any one criterion listed in subsection 4, paragraph A, subparagraphs (6) to
6 (10).

7 The commissioner shall ensure that the following criteria are met before entering into a
8 contract with a bidder for operations of warehousing, distribution and spirits
9 administration:

10 A. That revenue to the State from the sale of spirits is predictable over the term of the
11 contract;

12 B. That revenue from the sale of spirits will be maximized by the issuance of the
13 contract and achieved through efficiency of services or profit sharing or both;

14 C. That the contract establishes standards of efficiency and quality of operations;

15 D. That the bidder has demonstrated that services provided to agency liquor stores will
16 be enhanced;

17 E. That, upon execution of the contract, the disruption of services to agency liquor
18 stores and spirits suppliers will be minimal or absent; and

19 F. That the contract provides that the bureau must approve all bailment rates and
20 related fees.

21 **6. Contract provisions; oversight and performance review.** A contract provided to
22 a successful bidder in accordance with this section must require that the person awarded
23 the contract submit to the bureau, in a form determined by the bureau, an annual report
24 audited by an independent 3rd party. The bureau, following receipt of the report, shall
25 provide the report annually to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having
26 jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and alcoholic beverages matters. The
27 contract must prohibit the person awarded the contract from engaging in activities reserved
28 for agency liquor stores licensed as reselling agents to provide spirits to establishments
29 licensed for on-premises consumption. The contract must also include provisions that allow
30 for ongoing performance standards review so that deficiencies in such standards may result
31 in amendments to the contract or nullification. Performance standards subject to contract
32 amendments or nullification include:

33 A. Working in partnership with the State to achieve the goal of a revenue growth rate
34 comparable to the average growth rate of other states that control the sale and
35 distribution of ~~alcoholic beverages~~ spirits;

36 B. Transparency in annual reporting and conformance to the reporting requirements
37 established by the bureau; and

38 C. Except for a contract awarded to conduct spirits trade marketing, responsiveness to
39 the service needs of agency liquor stores.

40 **7. Price regulation.** The ~~bureau~~ State shall regulate the wholesale and retail prices of
41 all ~~liquor~~ spirits sold by a person awarded a contract in accordance with this section.

1 **Sec. 59. 28-A MRSA §123, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §24, is
2 further amended to read:

3 **2. Sale of spirits and fortified wine for off-premises consumption off the premises**
4 **on days other than Sunday.** Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the
5 ~~operation of agency liquor stores~~ sale of spirits for off-premises consumption on days other
6 than Sunday?

7 **Sec. 60. 28-A MRSA §123, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §25, is
8 further amended to read:

9 **4. Sale of spirits and fortified wine for off-premises consumption off the premises**
10 **on Sundays.** Shall this municipality authorize the State to permit the ~~operation of agency~~
11 ~~liquor stores~~ sale of spirits for off-premises consumption on Sundays?

12 **Sec. 61. 28-A MRSA §124, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 471, Pt. B, §14, is
13 further amended to read:

14 **1. Determination vote.** If the results of an election held under section 121 ~~or 122~~
15 show that:

16 A. A majority of the votes cast in any municipality on any local option question is in
17 the affirmative, the bureau may issue licenses of the type authorized by the affirmative
18 vote in that municipality;

19 B. A majority of the votes cast in any municipality on any local option question is in
20 the negative, the bureau may not issue licenses of the type denied by the negative vote
21 in that municipality; or

22 C. The vote is tied on any local option question, the law remains as it was before the
23 voting.

24 **Sec. 62. 28-A MRSA §161, sub-§7**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 510,
25 Pt. E, §5, is amended to read:

26 **7. Right of access.** ~~Every~~ A bottle club shall allow law enforcement officers to enter
27 the bottle club premises at reasonable times for the purpose of investigating compliance
28 with this Title.

29 A. Entry into the bottle club premises under this subsection must be conducted in a
30 reasonable manner so as not to disrupt the operation of the bottle club.

31 B. The investigation must be limited to those areas involved in the actual operation of
32 the bottle club, including storage areas.

33 C. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.

34 (1) A bottle club that violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which
35 a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$300 may be adjudged.

36 (2) A bottle club that violates this subsection after having previously violated this
37 section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$200 and not
38 more than \$500 may be adjudged.

39 (3) A bottle club that violates this subsection after having previously violated this
40 section 2 or more times commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$500 may be
41 adjudged.

1 **Sec. 63. 28-A MRSA §353**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 74, §3, is further amended
2 to read:

3 **§353. Business hours**

4 Agency liquor stores may be open for the sale and delivery of spirits ~~and fortified wine~~
5 ~~between the hours of 5 a.m. and 1 a.m. as provided in section 4, subsection 1 in~~
6 ~~municipalities and unincorporated places that have voted in favor of the operation of~~
7 ~~agency liquor stores~~ sale of spirits for off-premises consumption under local option
8 provisions and in unincorporated places where the sale of liquor for off-premises
9 consumption has been authorized by the county commissioners under section 122.
10 Notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary, agency liquor stores may be
11 open from 5 a.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. the next following day.

12 **Sec. 64. 28-A MRSA §353-A**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 74, §4, is repealed.

13 **Sec. 65. 28-A MRSA §451**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §44, is further amended
14 to read:

15 **§451. Agency liquor stores**

16 This chapter governs the issuance of an agency liquor store license and the operation
17 of agency liquor stores licensed pursuant to this Part. The bureau may license and regulate
18 persons a person as an agency liquor stores store on an annual or temporary basis for the
19 purposes of selling liquor in sealed bottles, containers or original packages ~~to be consumed~~
20 off the premises for off-premises consumption.

21 **Sec. 66. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §46, is
22 further amended to read:

23 A. The proposed agency liquor store is located in a municipality ~~or unincorporated~~
24 ~~place~~ that has voted in favor of ~~the operation of state liquor stores under~~ local option
25 provisions that authorize the sale of spirits, wine and malt liquor for off-premises
26 consumption or the proposed agency liquor store is located in an unincorporated place
27 where the county commissioners have authorized the sale of spirits, wine and malt
28 liquor for off-premises consumption.

29 **Sec. 67. 28-A MRSA §453-B**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 117, §1, is
30 repealed.

31 **Sec. 68. 28-A MRSA §453-C, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c.
32 476, Pt. B, §2 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

33 **1. Agent licensed License to resell spirits purchased from the bureau.** An agent
34 ~~licensed to~~ agency liquor store may not resell spirits purchased from the bureau ~~or through~~
35 ~~an entity awarded a contract under section 90~~ to a retail licensee licensed for on-premises
36 consumption must be unless the agency liquor store is licensed as a reselling agent under
37 this section. A reselling agent is prohibited from reselling spirits to a retail licensee licensed
38 for on-premises consumption unless the spirits are purchased from the bureau ~~or through~~
39 ~~an entity awarded a contract under section 90.~~

40 **Sec. 69. 28-A MRSA §455**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. SS, §3
41 and affected by §8 and c. 51, Pt. C, §2 and amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §61, is
42 further amended to read:

1 **§455. ~~Liquor for agency liquor stores~~ Purchase of spirits**

2 **1. Agency liquor store purchases.** Agency liquor stores shall buy their ~~liquor~~ spirits
3 from the bureau under section 606.

4 **2. Monthly specials.** The bureau may establish monthly specials for all agency liquor
5 stores. ~~The issuance of an agency liquor store license and the operation of agency liquor~~
6 ~~stores licensed pursuant to this Part are governed by this chapter.~~

7 **Sec. 70. 28-A MRSA §457**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 117, §2, is
8 amended to read:

9 **§457. Transfer of agency liquor store license**

10 Upon application of a licensee under this chapter, an agency liquor store license must
11 be transferred to a new owner upon the sale of the licensed establishment and payment of
12 the transfer fee required in section ~~453-B~~ 1010-A, subsection 2 if the new owner is eligible
13 under section 601 and the physical premises of the establishment remain unchanged.

14 **Sec. 71. 28-A MRSA §458, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 782, §1, is
15 amended to read:

16 A. The applicant's sales and inventory of ~~liquor~~ spirits;

17 **Sec. 72. 28-A MRSA §458, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 34, §2, is
18 amended to read:

19 **2-A. Review exemptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, paragraph C, when
20 considering an application for the renewal of an agency liquor store license, the bureau may
21 not consider minor changes to the placement of ~~liquor~~ spirits inventory if the changes are
22 not for the purposes of marketing beyond those provided in law or ~~agency~~ rule or for
23 increasing access by minors but are to address some other ~~liquor~~ spirits placement issue
24 that is within the scope of the person's license.

25 **Sec. 73. 28-A MRSA §458, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §50, is further
26 amended to read:

27 **3. Rejection of application; selection of alternate licensee.** If the bureau denies an
28 application for renewal of an agency liquor store license, the bureau may select an alternate
29 licensee in accordance with the criteria set forth in sections 453; ~~and~~ 453-A and 453-B. If
30 the alternate licensee held an agency liquor store license in the past, the bureau may
31 consider any of the applicable criteria set forth in subsection 2 in considering whether to
32 license the alternate agency liquor store.

33 **Sec. 74. 28-A MRSA §459**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 276, §1, is amended to read:

34 **§459. ~~Delivery of liquor spirits by agency liquor stores~~ reselling agents**

35 ~~Agency liquor stores~~ Reselling agents may deliver ~~liquor~~ spirits to establishments that
36 are licensed to ~~serve liquor on-premises~~ sell spirits for on-premises consumption.

37 **Sec. 75. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §1, is further
38 amended to read:

39 **1. Taste testing on agency liquor store premises.** Subject to the conditions in
40 subsections 2 and 2-A, the bureau may authorize an agency liquor store stocking at least
41 100 different codes of spirits products to conduct taste testing of spirits on that licensee's

1 premises. ~~Any~~ An agency liquor store may not allow any other consumption of liquor on
2 an the agency liquor store's premises is prohibited, except as permitted under section 1205,
3 1207, 1208, 1402-A or 1504 1206.

4 **Sec. 76. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶P** is enacted to read:

5 P. Spirits may be poured for the taste-testing event only by the owner or an employee
6 of the agency liquor store, by a sales representative licensed under section 1502 or by
7 the spirits supplier.

8 **Sec. 77. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 79, §1, is
9 repealed.

10 **Sec. 78. 28-A MRSA c. 21 headnote** is amended to read:

11 CHAPTER 21

12 WHOLESALE LIQUOR SPIRITS PROVIDER

13 **Sec. 79. 28-A MRSA §501**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. C, §9 and affected
14 by §13, is repealed.

15 **Sec. 80. 28-A MRSA §502**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. SS, §4 and affected
16 by §8 and c. 51, Pt. C, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

17 **§502. Wholesale spirits provider prohibited financial interests**

18 The wholesale spirits provider and each principal officer of the wholesale spirits
19 provider may not hold or possess:

20 **1. Agency liquor store license.** An agency liquor store license;

21 **2. License to manufacture spirits.** A license in this State or another state to
22 manufacture spirits; or

23 **3. Direct financial interest in prohibited license.** A direct financial interest in a
24 license described in subsection 1 or 2, except that a minor investment in not more than 1%
25 of the securities of a business entity holding a license described in subsection 1 or 2 does
26 not constitute a financial interest prohibited by this subsection.

27 **Sec. 81. 28-A MRSA §503**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. C, §10 and affected
28 by §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

29 **§503. Delivery of spirits by wholesale spirits provider**

30 **1. Authorized delivery to agency liquor stores.** The wholesale spirits provider may
31 deliver to an agency liquor store spirits that the agency liquor store purchased from the
32 bureau.

33 **2. Delivery to on-premises retail licensees prohibited.** The wholesale spirits
34 provider may not deliver spirits to establishments licensed by the State to sell spirits for
35 on-premises consumption.

36 **Sec. 82. 28-A MRSA §601**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §10, is further amended
37 to read:

1 **§601. Eligibility**

2 **1. Eligibility qualifications.** The bureau may not issue a license or certificate of
3 approval to an applicant unless that applicant meets the following qualifications.

4 A. If the applicant is an individual, the applicant must be:

5 (1) At least 21 years of age; and

6 (2) A citizen of the United States.

7 B. If the applicant is a partnership or association, each ~~person~~ individual having an
8 interest in the partnership or association must be:

9 (1) At least 21 years of age; and

10 (2) A citizen of the United States.

11 C. If the applicant is a corporation, it must be incorporated under the laws of the State
12 or authorized to transact business in the State.

13 D. If the applicant has an existing business, the applicant must be currently in
14 compliance with all license, permit and approval requirements under Title 22 and under
15 any rules adopted pursuant to Title 22 that apply to the applicant's existing business.

16 **2. Disqualifications.** The bureau may not issue a license or certificate of approval to
17 an applicant if:

18 A. Any of the principal officers of the corporation is not personally eligible because
19 that officer has had a license or certificate of approval for the sale of liquor revoked
20 under chapter 33, if the applicant is a corporation;

21 B. The applicant held a license or certificate of approval that was revoked for a specific
22 period under chapter 33 and the applicant is applying for a license or certificate of
23 approval within that period since revocation;

24 C. The applicant, ~~who that~~ was not at the time of the offense the holder of a liquor
25 license or a certificate of approval, was convicted of violating any laws of the State or
26 the United States with respect to manufacture, transportation, importation, possession
27 or sale of liquor within 5 years of applying for the license or certificate of approval.
28 For the purposes of this paragraph, ~~any a~~ person ~~who that~~ sells liquor of a greater
29 alcohol content than authorized by that person's license or certificate of approval is not
30 considered the holder of a license or a certificate of approval;

31 D. The applicant was convicted of selling liquor illegally on Sunday while an
32 employee or agent of a licensee within 5 years of applying for the license or certificate
33 of approval;

34 E. The applicant's license or certificate of approval expired pending an appeal from
35 conviction of illegally selling liquor on Sunday within 5 years of applying for the
36 license or certificate of approval;

37 F. The applicant is a law enforcement officer or if a law enforcement officer ~~benefits~~
38 would benefit directly from the issuance of the license or certificate of approval;

39 G. The applicant was denied a license or certificate of approval within the 6 months
40 before the application was filed, unless the bureau's denial of the license or certificate
41 of approval is overruled by the court under an appeal provided by section 805;

1 H. The applicant is the ~~husband, wife, father, mother~~ spouse, parent, child or other
2 close relation of a person whose license or certificate of approval or application for a
3 license or certificate of approval for the same premises was revoked by the District
4 Court ~~Judge~~ or denied by the bureau within the 6 months before the application was
5 filed;

6 I. The bureau determines that the purpose of the application is to circumvent the
7 provisions of this section; or

8 J. The applicant is a golf course or a restaurant located on the property of a golf course
9 and the Maine Human Rights Commission has found reasonable grounds to believe
10 that the golf course has denied membership to a person in violation of Title 5, chapter
11 337, subchapter 5, and has determined that conciliation efforts under Title 5, section
12 4612, subsection 3 have not succeeded. The Maine Human Rights Commission shall
13 notify the bureau when the golf course has corrected its discriminatory membership
14 practices, after which the applicant ceases to be disqualified under this paragraph.

15 **Sec. 83. 28-A MRSA §602**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §53, is further amended
16 to read:

17 **§602. Notification of license or certificate of approval expiration**

18 **1. Seven-day grace period upon license or certificate of approval expiration.**
19 Except as provided in subsection 3, a ~~license holder who~~ licensee that unintentionally fails
20 to renew ~~any a~~ license or certificate of approval upon its expiration date and continues to
21 make sales of liquor is not chargeable with illegal sales under section 2078 for a period of
22 7 days following the expiration date.

23 **2. Bureau must notify licensee of expiration.** The bureau shall notify the licensee
24 by the most expedient means available that the license or certificate of approval has expired
25 and all sales of liquor must be suspended immediately and remain suspended until the
26 license or certificate of approval is properly renewed.

27 **3. Illegal sales after expiration of grace period or after notice.** A licensee that
28 continues to make sales of liquor after having been properly notified of the expired license
29 or certificate of approval must be charged with illegal sales under section 2078.

30 **Sec. 84. 28-A MRSA §604**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 535, §3, is further amended
31 to read:

32 **§604. Production of licenses or certificates of approval**

33 ~~All licensees~~ A licensee shall make available for inspection ~~their~~ its licenses or
34 certificates of approval at ~~the~~ any premises in the State to which those licenses or
35 certificates of approval apply.

36 **Sec. 85. 28-A MRSA §605, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 185, §2, is further
37 amended to read:

38 Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 608, a license or any interest
39 in a license may not be sold, transferred, assigned or otherwise subject to control by any
40 person other than the licensee. If the business, or any interest in the business, in connection
41 with which a licensed activity is conducted is sold, transferred or assigned, the ~~license~~
42 ~~holder~~ licensee shall immediately send to the bureau the license and a sworn statement
43 showing the name and address of the purchaser. The bureau is not required to refund any

1 portion of the license fee if the license is surrendered before it expires. For the purposes of
2 this section, neither a tenant brewer ~~who~~ brewery that is licensed in accordance with section
3 1355-A, subsection 6 nor a tenant winery ~~who~~ that is licensed in accordance with section
4 1355-A, subsection 7 is considered to be subject to the control of the host brewer brewery
5 or host winery, as the case may be, as described in those subsections, or considered to have
6 been transferred or assigned the license or interest in the license of the host brewer brewery
7 or host winery.

8 **Sec. 86. 28-A MRSA §605, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §56 and
9 PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by §80, is further amended by amending
10 subparagraph (3) to read:

11 (3) Any suspension or revocation of the license by the District Court ~~Judge~~ for any
12 violation applies against both the manager and the personal representative, receiver
13 or trustee.

14 **Sec. 87. 28-A MRSA §605, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §56 and
15 PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by §80, is further amended by amending
16 subparagraph (4) to read:

17 (4) ~~No~~ A personal representative, receiver, trustee or duly appointed manager may
18 not operate under the license unless approved by the bureau.

19 **Sec. 88. 28-A MRSA §605, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
20 is amended to read:

21 A. Guardians and conservators, except in the case of ~~off-premise~~ off-premises retail
22 licensees approved by the municipal officers in their municipality, may not transfer
23 their wards' licenses and ~~must~~ shall renew licenses each year.

24 **Sec. 89. 28-A MRSA §606**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §§7 to 11, is further
25 amended to read:

26 **§606. Liquor bought from bureau; sale to government agencies Purchase of spirits**
27 **by licensees, government instrumentalities, airlines, ferry services, hospitals**
28 **and state institutions**

29 **1. Purchase of liquor spirits.** Subject to the restrictions provided in subsection 1-A,
30 a person licensed to sell spirits for on-premises consumption ~~must~~ shall purchase spirits
31 from an agency liquor store licensed as a reselling agent ~~under section 453-C~~. This
32 subsection does not apply to public service corporations operating interstate.

33 **1-A. On-premises licensees; purchase from agency store reselling agent.** A Except
34 for a public service corporation that operates interstate, a person licensed to sell spirits for
35 on-premises consumption on the premises shall purchase spirits from an agency liquor store
36 a reselling agent only, in accordance with this subsection. A licensee that violates this
37 subsection is subject to the administrative penalties provided in section 2074-A.

38 A. The sale price of spirits sold by a reselling agent to an establishment licensed for
39 on-premises consumption must be the retail price established by the commission or the
40 discounted retail price established by the bureau in accordance with subsection 1-C.

41 B. Upon completion of a transaction, the ~~agency liquor store~~ reselling agent and the
42 on-premises licensee shall each retain a copy of the licensee order form.

1 **1-C. Price of state spirits sales to agency liquor stores.** The bureau may offer
2 discounts below the retail price set by the commission on spirits sold to agency liquor
3 stores.

4 ~~**1-D. Purchase of spirits.** Subject to the restrictions provided in subsection 1-A, a~~
5 ~~person licensed to sell spirits for on-premises consumption must purchase spirits from a~~
6 ~~reselling agent. This subsection does not apply to public service corporations operating~~
7 ~~interstate.~~

8 **3. Prospective licensees may order liquor spirits in advance.** Upon approval of the
9 bureau, ~~persons who have a person that has~~ been issued an agency liquor store license
10 effective at a future date or a license, to sell spirits for on-premises consumption effective
11 at a future date, may order liquor spirits in advance of the effective date of the license and
12 may advertise the effective date.

13 **4-A. Discount rates for agency liquor stores; rulemaking.** Beginning July 1, 2014,
14 the bureau shall set the wholesale price of spirits, which is the price an agency liquor store
15 pays to purchase spirits, at a minimum discount of 12% ~~of~~ off the retail price. The bureau
16 may establish discount rates greater than 12%, including graduated discount rates, but those
17 discount rates must be established by rules that ensure that any graduated discount rate is
18 structured in a way that does not adversely affect agency liquor stores that stock a low level
19 of inventory. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as
20 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **4-B. Discount rate for small distilleries.** Beginning July 1, 2019, the bureau shall
22 set the price of spirits produced by a small distillery licensed under section 1355-A,
23 subsection 5, paragraph B and retained by that small distillery for sale under section
24 1355-A, subsection 5, paragraph G or H at a discount of 22.75% ~~of~~ off the retail price.

25 **5. Sale to government instrumentalities.** The bureau may authorize the sale of spirits
26 to government instrumentalities within the State ~~approved by the bureau.~~ The bureau shall
27 set the price.

28 **6. Sale to airlines and ferry services for consumption outside the State.** The bureau
29 may authorize the sale of spirits ~~not~~ for consumption within outside of the State to airlines
30 and ferry services or their agents ~~as authorized by the bureau.~~ The bureau shall set the
31 price.

32 ~~**6-A. Sale to hospitals and state institutions.** The bureau may authorize the sale of~~
33 ~~spirits to hospitals and state institutions within the State for medicinal purposes only. The~~
34 ~~bureau shall set the price.~~

35 **7. Premium must be collected.** Nothing in this section permits the sale of spirits
36 without collecting the entire premium assessed under chapter 65.

37 **8. Limits on price.** An agency liquor store shall sell all spirits purchased from the
38 bureau ~~or through an entity awarded a contract under section 90~~ at the retail price
39 established by the commission.

40 **Sec. 90. 28-A MRS §651,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §§60 and 61, is further
41 amended to read:

42 **§651. Applications**

1 **1. File application with bureau.** An applicant for a ~~liquor~~ license or certificate of
2 approval under this Title shall file an application in the form required by the bureau.

3 **2. Contents of application.** The application must contain the following.

4 A. ~~Each~~ An applicant shall disclose the entire ownership or any interest in the person
5 or establishment for which a license or certificate of approval is sought. If the applicant
6 is a purchaser by contract, the applicant shall also disclose the terms of the contract.

7 B. ~~Every~~ An applicant for a license for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the
8 ~~premises where sold for on-premises consumption~~ shall include in the application a
9 description of the premises to be licensed and provide any other material information,
10 description or plan of that part of the premises where the applicant proposes to keep or
11 sell liquor as the bureau requires.

12 C. The owner or the bona fide prospective purchaser ~~must~~ shall sign the application.
13 If the owner or bona fide prospective purchaser is:

14 (1) A natural person, then that person ~~must~~ shall sign;

15 (2) A partnership, then the partners of the partnership ~~must~~ shall sign; or

16 (3) A corporation, then a principal officer of the corporation or any person
17 specifically authorized by the corporation ~~must~~ shall sign.

18 **3. False answer given intentionally.** ~~Any~~ A person who intentionally gives an
19 untruthful answer in an application for a ~~liquor~~ license or certificate of approval under this
20 Title violates Title 17-A, section 453.

21 **Sec. 91. 28-A MRS §652**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §11, is further amended
22 to read:

23 **§652. Application procedure**

24 **1. License or certificate of approval fee.** ~~The~~ An applicant ~~must~~ shall enclose the
25 fee for the license or certificate of approval prescribed by ~~chapter 41~~ this Title with the
26 application for the license or certificate of approval.

27 **2. Effective date and term of license or certificate of approval.** All full-year
28 licenses and certificates of approval are effective for one year from the date of issuance.
29 All part-time licenses and certificates of approval are effective for the term of the license
30 or certificate of approval from the date of issuance.

31 **3. Renewal.** Licenses and certificates of approval may be renewed upon application
32 for renewal and payment of the annual fee, subject to bureau rules.

33 **4. Multiple licenses.** ~~Any~~ A licensee applying for a license to operate more than one
34 ~~premise~~ premises shall pay the fee prescribed for the type of license to be exercised at each
35 ~~premise~~ premises.

36 **5. Filing fee.** Except as provided in paragraph A, ~~every~~ an applicant for an original or
37 renewal license or certificate of approval shall pay a filing fee of \$10 when filing the
38 application.

39 A. In unincorporated places, the applicant shall pay the filing fee of \$10 to the county
40 treasurer of the county in which the unincorporated place is located. All applications

1 for a license in unincorporated places must be accompanied by evidence of payment of
2 the filing fee to the county treasurer.

3 ~~6. Public service license. One public service license is sufficient to cover all~~
4 ~~steamboats, cars, railroads and aircraft operated by any one public service corporation.~~

5 **Sec. 92. 28-A MRSA §653, sub-§2, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 81, §3, is
6 amended to read:

7 G. After September 1, 2010, server training, in a program certified by the bureau and
8 required by local ordinance, has not been completed by individuals who serve ~~alcoholic~~
9 ~~beverages liquor.~~

10 **Sec. 93. 28-A MRSA §705, sub-§1-A, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 349, §2, is
11 amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

12 (1) ~~Any An~~ agreement to engage in electronic funds transfer for payment for ~~beer~~
13 ~~malt liquor~~ or wine between manufacturers, wholesale licensees or retail licensees
14 must be voluntary and in writing. A manufacturer, wholesale licensee or retail
15 licensee may not refuse to do business with or otherwise limit business with
16 another manufacturer, wholesale licensee or retail licensee for declining to pay for
17 ~~beer malt liquor~~ or wine by electronic funds transfer;

18 **Sec. 94. 28-A MRSA §705, sub-§1-B, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 349, §2, is
19 amended to read:

20 A. By a hotel or club to bona fide registered hotel guests or club members,
21 respectively;

22 **Sec. 95. 28-A MRSA §707, sub-§8, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 665, §10, is
23 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

24 B. "Out-of-state spirits supplier" means an out-of-state spirits manufacturer that has
25 been issued a certificate of approval under section 1381 or a person that engages in the
26 out-of-state purchase of spirits for resale to the bureau that has been issued a certificate
27 of approval under section 1381.

28 **Sec. 96. 28-A MRSA §707-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 659, §1, is
29 amended to read:

30 **2. Requirements.** The exceptions to section 707 set out in subsection 1 apply only if
31 each of the following requirements is met.

32 A. The hotel must have at least 100 adequate sleeping rooms and the relationship
33 between the occupants of those rooms and the owner or operator of the establishment
34 is that of hotel guest and innkeeper.

35 B. The hotel may not purchase ~~any~~ malt liquor ~~and~~ or wine products sold by the
36 certificate of ~~compliance~~ approval holder to ~~Maine~~ wholesale licensees, ~~nor may~~ and
37 the certificate of ~~compliance~~ approval holder may not require any brand of liquor
38 product to be purchased or sold by the hotel.

39 C. ~~Neither the~~ The certificate of approval holder ~~nor~~ and the retail licensee may not
40 directly or indirectly own or have any interest in a ~~Maine~~ wholesale licensee.

1 D. The certificate of ~~compliance~~ approval holder and the retail licensees must be
2 separate entities and may not have any common directors.

3 **Sec. 97. 28-A MRS §708**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §12, is further amended
4 to read:

5 **§708. Prohibited discounts and rebates**

6 ~~**1. Certificate of approval holders.** A certificate of approval holder may not offer to
7 wholesale licensees any special discounts, volume discounts or other reduced prices or
8 discounts, except bona fide price reductions under section 1408 offered to all wholesale
9 licensees. A certificate of approval holder may offer depletion allowances to wholesale
10 licensees if the depletion allowance is posted in accordance with section 1408. Except as
11 provided by this section, a certificate of approval holder may not offer any free
12 merchandise, rebate or gift to the purchaser of an alcoholic beverage.~~

13 **1-A. Manufacturers and wholesalers of malt liquor or wine.** A licensed in-state
14 manufacturer of malt liquor or wine and an out-of-state manufacturer of or out-of-state
15 wholesaler of malt liquor or wine that has been issued a certificate of approval may not:

16 A. Offer any special discounts, volume discounts or other reduced prices or discounts
17 on malt liquor or wine to a wholesale licensee, except bona fide price reductions under
18 section 1408 offered to all wholesale licensees; or

19 B. Offer depletion allowances to wholesale licensees unless the depletion allowance
20 is posted in accordance with section 1408.

21 **1-B. Certificate of approval holders.** Except as provided in this section, a certificate
22 of approval holder may not offer any free merchandise, rebate, refund or gift to a purchaser
23 of spirits, wine or malt liquor.

24 **2. Wholesale licensees.** A wholesale licensee may not offer to retail licensees any
25 special discounts, volume discounts, depletion allowances, other reduced prices or
26 discounts, or refunds except bona fide price reductions under section 1408 offered to all
27 retail licensees. A wholesale licensee may not offer any free merchandise, rebate, refund
28 or gift to ~~the a purchaser of an alcoholic beverage~~ malt liquor or wine.

29 **3. Retail licensees.** A retail licensee may not offer any free merchandise, rebate,
30 refund or gift to ~~the a purchaser of any alcoholic beverage~~ liquor.

31 **5. Combination packages.** Notwithstanding subsection 3, agency liquor store
32 licensees may offer for sale any package or combination of packages of spirits that the
33 commission has approved for sale in ~~this~~ the State.

34 **6. Marketing and mail-in promotions.** Upon approval by the commission,
35 promotional materials designed to encourage a consumer to purchase a spirits product to
36 be attached to or displayed near the spirits product where it is offered for sale for off-
37 premises consumption may be offered by those whose spirits products are listed by the
38 commission. Upon approval by the commission, a mail-in rebate may be provided to
39 consumers through print or electronic media, attached to the spirits product or displayed
40 near the spirits product where the spirits product is offered for sale for off-premises
41 consumption. Mail-in rebates approved by the commission must be redeemed by the
42 manufacturer and not by the retail licensee and may not exceed the purchase price of the
43 spirits product. Mail-in rebates authorized by this subsection must require the inclusion of

1 the original dated sales receipt for the spirits product to which the rebate is applied. The
2 commission may approve mail-in rebates that offer an incrementally greater discount based
3 upon increased volume of purchased product. Mail-in rebates, certificates or merchandise
4 included with a spirits product must be inserted in the package or attached to the package
5 by the manufacturer.

6 **7. Instant marketing promotions.** The bureau, ~~a manufacturer~~ or a spirits supplier
7 ~~of spirits listed for sale by the commission~~ may offer monetary rebates in the form of instant
8 redeemable coupons as approved by the commission in accordance with conditions
9 established by the commission or rules established by the bureau. Agency liquor store
10 licensees may redeem the coupons only upon proof of purchase and in accordance with the
11 terms listed on the coupon. Instant redeemable coupons provided by the ~~manufacturer's~~
12 ~~agent or manufacturer's sales representative~~ spirits supplier must be made available to all
13 agency liquor store licensees electing to offer the coupon in an amount equal to the agency
14 liquor store's inventory of spirits products that are subject to the coupon promotion. The
15 bureau, ~~the manufacturer~~ or the spirits supplier ~~of spirits~~ may offer instant redeemable
16 coupons to consumers through the bureau's, ~~the manufacturer's~~ or the spirits supplier's
17 publicly accessible website, other digital media platforms or print media. An instant
18 redeemable coupon used in a manner provided in this subsection for a spirits product sold
19 by an agency liquor store licensee to a consumer is for the benefit of the consumer who
20 purchases the spirits product.

21 This section does not prohibit a certificate of approval holder from including a
22 certificate, instant redeemable coupon or merchandise in or on a package of ~~beer malt~~
23 liquor, wine or low-alcohol spirits product for sale by an ~~off-premise~~ off-premises retailer.
24 The package containing the certificate, instant redeemable coupon or merchandise must be
25 packaged by the certificate of approval ~~holders~~ holder at the brewery or winery. Upon
26 approval of the bureau, a certificate of approval holder may offer a mail-in rebate for a malt
27 liquor, wine or low-alcohol spirits product for consumers through print or electronic media,
28 attached to the package of malt liquor, wine or low-alcohol spirits product or displayed
29 near where the malt liquor, wine or low-alcohol spirits product is offered for sale for off-
30 premises consumption. Mail-in rebates authorized by this paragraph must require the
31 inclusion of the original dated sales receipt for the product to which the rebate is applied.
32 ~~Mail-in rebates,~~ must be redeemed by the certificate of approval holder and may not exceed
33 the purchase price of the malt liquor, wine or low-alcohol spirits product to which the rebate
34 is applied. The commission may approve mail-in rebates that offer an incrementally greater
35 discount based upon increased volume of purchased product.

36 This section does not prohibit the unconditional distribution of merchandise to the
37 patrons of an ~~on-premise~~ on-premises establishment.

38 **Sec. 98. 28-A MRSA §708-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 192, §1, is further
39 amended to read:

40 **§708-A. In-pack sweepstakes, contests and games**

41 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a certificate of approval holder,
42 spirits supplier, wholesale licensee or retail licensee may offer sweepstakes, games and
43 contests inside packages of ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor, if that offer is not contingent on the
44 purchase of an ~~alcoholic beverage~~ liquor. ~~A~~ The certificate of approval holder, spirits
45 supplier, wholesale licensee or retail licensee shall provide information about access to

1 participate in a sweepstakes, game or contest by providing either a sign in the retail outlet
2 or a notice on the primary or secondary packaging of the brand offering the sweepstakes,
3 game or contest.

4 **Sec. 99. 28-A MRSA §708-C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §13, is further
5 amended to read:

6 **§708-C. Donations to public broadcasting stations, municipal entities, incorporated**
7 **civic organizations and national organizations**

8 **1. Donations for an auction or award.** A person licensed by the bureau under section
9 ~~1355-A~~, a certificate of approval holder, a ~~manufacturer or supplier of spirits or a spirits~~
10 ~~supplier or a wholesaler~~ wholesale licensee may donate a certificate to purchase its product
11 or donate its product to a public broadcasting station, a municipal entity, an incorporated
12 civic organization or a similarly purposed national organization designated by the United
13 States Internal Revenue Service under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
14 Section 501(c)(3) for the purpose of an auction or to offer as a prize, gift or award in
15 conjunction with efforts to support the purposes of the incorporated civic organization,
16 similarly purposed organization, municipal entity or public broadcasting station. Spirits
17 donated in accordance with this subsection must be listed by the commission for sale in
18 this State, clearly labeled as a donation and purchased from the ~~State's~~ ~~wholesale liquor~~
19 ~~spirits~~ provider at the wholesale price. A person authorized to make a donation in
20 accordance with this subsection shall maintain a record of each donation, including the
21 value of the donation and the date on which it was made. A recipient of a donation under
22 this subsection must be 21 years of age or older.

23 **2. Donations for consumption at on-premises events.** A person licensed by the
24 ~~bureau under section 1355-A~~, a certificate of approval holder, a ~~manufacturer or supplier~~
25 ~~of spirits~~ a spirits supplier or a ~~wholesaler~~ wholesale licensee may donate its product or
26 provide malt liquor, wine, ~~or~~ spirits ~~or fortified wine~~ at a reduced price to a person licensed
27 by the bureau to serve liquor for on-premises consumption at an event designed to benefit
28 a municipal entity, an incorporated civic organization or a similarly purposed national
29 organization designated by the United States Internal Revenue Service under the United
30 States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3). Spirits donated in accordance
31 with this subsection must be listed by the commission for sale in this State, clearly labeled
32 as a donation and purchased from the ~~State's~~ ~~wholesale liquor~~ spirits ~~provider~~ at the
33 wholesale price. A person authorized to make a donation or offer its product at a reduced
34 price under this subsection shall maintain a record of the products donated or offered,
35 including the value of each, the reduced price when applicable and the date on which the
36 product was provided. All applicable excise taxes on donated malt liquor, wine, ~~or~~ spirits
37 ~~and fortified wine~~ must be remitted as required by this Title. A licensee ~~provided that~~
38 receives product in accordance with this subsection:

39 A. Shall maintain a record of each product received and the date on which it was
40 received;

41 B. Shall maintain a record of the name of the municipal entity, incorporated civic
42 organization or similarly purposed national organization the event was designed to
43 benefit and for which the product is provided;

1 C. Shall ensure that the product provided is served only at the event designed to benefit
2 the municipal entity, incorporated civic organization or similarly purposed national
3 organization;

4 D. Shall ensure that excess product that was donated for the event is returned to the
5 donor within a reasonable period after the event; and

6 E. Shall ensure that containers holding donated product are returned to the donor for
7 recycling as appropriate and not presented for redemption under ~~Title 32, chapter 28~~
8 Title 38, chapter 33.

9 For purposes of this section, "municipal entity" means a county, city, town or municipal
10 agency or department.

11 **Sec. 100. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
12 is amended to read:

13 F. ~~Those licensed as bona-fide Licensed hotels or bed and breakfasts offering room~~
14 ~~services service to registered hotel guests or bed and breakfast guests, respectively;~~

15 **Sec. 101. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶I**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c.
16 629, §14, is amended to read:

17 I. Conducting taste testing under section 460, 1051, 1205, 1207, 1368 or ~~1355-A~~ 1402;

18 **Sec. 102. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 142, §1 and
19 c. 214, §4, is further amended to read:

20 J. Providing samples authorized under section 1055, 1355-A, ~~1402~~, 1402-A or 1504;

21 **Sec. 103. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶K**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015,
22 c. 494, Pt. A, §32, is amended to read:

23 K. Donations authorized under section 708-C; or

24 **Sec. 104. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶L**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c.
25 494, Pt. A, §33, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 105. 28-A MRSA §712**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §13, is further
27 amended by amending the section headnote to read:

28 **§712. Advertising or sale of ~~malt liquor or wine~~ by trade name**

29 **Sec. 106. 28-A MRSA §713, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
30 amended to read:

31 **3. Sale from truck by wholesale licensee.** A wholesale licensee, ~~his or an~~ agent or
32 employee, of the wholesale licensee may travel from town to town or from place to place
33 in the same town selling, or carrying for sale or exposing for sale, malt liquor or wine from
34 ~~its~~ a vehicle only if the wholesale licensee, his agent or employee ~~has in his possession~~
35 possesses on the vehicle a manifest bearing a detailed description of the total amount of
36 malt liquor or wine on the vehicle and invoices, as required, as well as invoices drawn up
37 at the time of delivery.

38 **Sec. 107. 28-A MRSA §714, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 46, §4, is further
39 amended to read:

40 **3. Tagging requirement.** The sale of malt liquor in kegs is subject to the following.

1 A. Every keg of malt liquor offered for sale by an off-premises retail licensee, referred
2 to in this subsection as "the seller," must be tagged in a manner approved by the
3 commissioner identifying the keg and be labeled in accordance with the requirements
4 of section 6-A. The tag must be supplied for each keg, without fee, by the wholesaler
5 of the keg or the small brewer of brewery that produced the keg.

6 B. The ~~retail~~ seller of the keg shall complete a form designed and approved by the
7 commissioner and affix the tag to each keg supplied to the retail seller by the distributor
8 of the keg. The form must be printed and distributed, without fee, by the wholesaler
9 of the keg or the small brewer of brewery that produced the keg. The form must include
10 the name, address and date of birth of the purchaser and the identification number of
11 the keg. The form must summarize the requirements of this section, the penalties for
12 violating any provision of this section and the penalties for providing alcohol to a
13 minor. The seller shall retain the form as a record subject to chapter 31.

14 C. The seller of the keg shall require positive identification of the purchaser.

15 D. The seller of the keg may require a deposit of up to \$50 from the purchaser of the
16 keg, regardless of the size of the keg. The seller shall refund the deposit to a person
17 who returns a properly tagged keg purchased from that seller.

18 E. The seller shall inform the purchaser that if the tag is defaced or missing when the
19 keg is returned without the original numbered band intact, the deposit is forfeited.

20 F. The seller may retain ~~any~~ a deposit forfeited and use the funds forfeited for local
21 school-based alcohol education programs or for any other purpose.

22 **Sec. 108. 28-A MRSA §751, sub-§1, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 266, §20, is
23 amended to read:

24 E. In the case of an ~~on-premise~~ on-premises licensee, records of food purchases.

25 **Sec. 109. 28-A MRSA §751, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 623,
26 §10, is further amended to read:

27 **3. ~~On-premise~~ On-premises retail licensee to keep records of sales separate.** An
28 ~~on-premise on-premises~~ retail licensee shall separate liquor sales from food sales by the
29 licensee in the licensee's records.

30 **Sec. 110. 28-A MRSA §752, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
31 is amended to read:

32 B. Including detailed accounts of all its transactions with ~~brewers~~ breweries, wineries,
33 other wholesalers and retailers.

34 **Sec. 111. 28-A MRSA §801,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected
35 by §80, is further amended to read:

36 **§801. Jurisdiction of District Court Judge**

37 **1. Jurisdiction.** The District Court ~~Judge,~~ as designated in Title 5, chapter 375, shall
38 conduct hearings on all matters concerning violations by licensees and their agents or
39 employees of any federal or state law or regulation relating to liquor or violations of any
40 rule adopted by the bureau. Notwithstanding Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~VI~~ 6, the
41 District Court ~~Judge~~ has exclusive jurisdiction over all violations of this Title by licensees
42 and their agents or employees when no criminal penalty is provided.

1 **2. Powers.** The District Court Judge may suspend or revoke licenses and certificates
2 of approval of licensees and levy fines or civil forfeitures against licensees and their agents
3 or employees.

4 **Sec. 112. 28-A MRSA §802**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected
5 by §80, is further amended to read:

6 **§802. Causes for revocation and suspension of licenses and certificates of approval**

7 The District Court Judge may revoke or suspend licenses and certificates of approval
8 for the following causes:

9 **1. Violation of law or infraction of rule.** Violation of ~~any~~ a federal or state law, rule
10 or regulation relating to liquor or substantial infraction of ~~any~~ a rule adopted by the bureau.

11 A. This subsection does not require the District Court Judge to hold licensees ~~who~~ that
12 sold liquor to minors who furnished fraudulent proof of age liable administratively;

13 **2. False material statement.** Knowingly making a false material statement of fact in
14 the application for the license or certificate of approval; and

15 **3. Failure to maintain requirements.** Failure to have and maintain throughout the
16 entire license or certificate of approval period all of the requirements of definitions, laws
17 and rules necessary to qualify for a license or certificate of approval.

18 A. For this offense the District Court Judge may suspend licenses or certificates of
19 approval for an indefinite period of time until the District Court Judge is satisfied that
20 the licensee has conformed to all applicable qualifications ~~required for licensing~~.

21 **Sec. 113. 28-A MRSA §803**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §§22 to 24, is
22 further amended to read:

23 **§803. Revocation or suspension procedure**

24 **1. Violation of law or rule.** Upon discovering a violation of federal or state law, rule
25 or regulation relating to liquor; or an infraction of a rule adopted by the bureau, the director
26 of the bureau, or the director's designee, shall:

27 A. Report the violation to the District Court Judge in a signed complaint; or

28 B. Issue warnings to the licensees involved.

29 **2. Notice and hearing.** Except as provided under subsection 6, upon receipt of a
30 signed complaint prepared under subsection 1, paragraph A, notice must be provided and
31 a hearing must be held according to the following procedures.

32 A. The director of the bureau or the director's designee shall notify the licensee or the
33 licensee's agent or employee by serving on the licensee or the licensee's agent or
34 employee a copy of the complaint and a notice stating the time and place of the hearing
35 and that the licensee or the licensee's agent or employee may appear in person or by
36 counsel at the hearing. Service of the complaint and hearing notice upon the licensee
37 is sufficient when served in hand by the director's designee or when sent by registered
38 or certified mail at least 7 days before the date of the hearing to the address given by
39 the licensee at the time of the licensee's application for a license or certificate of
40 approval. Service of the complaint and hearing notice upon a licensee's agent or
41 employee is sufficient when served in hand by the director's designee or when sent by

1 registered or certified mail at least 7 days before the date of the hearing to the address
2 given by the agent or employee at the time the agent or employee was initially notified
3 by the bureau of the violation. The director or the director's designee shall file proof
4 of service with the District Court.

5 B. The District Court shall conduct a hearing limited to the facts, the law and the rules
6 of the bureau, as specified in the complaint.

7 C. The District Court shall conduct the hearing in the following manner.

8 (1) The District Court may administer oaths to witnesses and issue subpoenas at
9 the request of any party, including subpoenas to compel the attendance of parents
10 and legal guardians of unemancipated minors.

11 (a) The bureau shall pay to the witnesses the legal fees for travel and
12 attendance, except that, notwithstanding Title 16, section 253, the bureau is not
13 required to pay the fees before the travel and attendance occur.

14 (2) Hearsay testimony is not admissible during the hearing. The licensees, agents
15 or employees named in the complaint have the right to have all witnesses testify in
16 person at the hearing.

17 (3) The District Court shall conduct hearings in one or more designated places that
18 are the most convenient and economical for all parties concerned in the hearing.

19 D. The District Court shall render a decision in each case, based upon the facts, the
20 law and the rules of the bureau. The findings must specify the facts found and the law
21 or rules found to be violated.

22 **3. Suspension of penalty; place case on file.** After hearing, the District Court Judge
23 may:

24 A. Suspend a penalty; or

25 B. Place a case on file instead of imposing ~~any~~ a penalty.

26 **4. Application of suspension or revocation.** A suspension or revocation applies to
27 premises and persons in the following manner.

28 A. If a licensee is directly or indirectly interested in more than one license or certificate
29 of approval, suspensions apply only to the ~~premise~~ premises where the violation occurs.

30 B. If a licensee is interested directly or indirectly in more than one license or certificate
31 of approval, the District Court Judge may order that a revocation apply to any of those
32 premises.

33 C. If the licensee is a corporation, the District Court Judge shall treat the officers,
34 directors and substantial stockholders as individuals.

35 **5. Term of suspension or revocation.** Except as provided by section 802, subsection
36 3, suspensions must be for a definite period of time. If the District Court Judge revokes a
37 license or certificate of approval, the District Court Judge shall specify that the bureau may
38 not issue a license or certificate of approval to the person whose license or certificate of
39 approval is revoked for a period of not less than one year nor more than 5 years from the
40 date of revocation.

1 **6. Warnings.** Upon the written recommendation of the director of the bureau, or the
2 director's designee, the District Court Judge, instead of notifying a licensee against ~~whom~~
3 which a complaint is pending to appear for hearing, may send the licensee a warning.
4 Warnings must be sent by registered or certified mail and contain a copy of the complaint.
5 A licensee to ~~whom~~ which a warning is sent may demand a hearing by notifying the District
6 Court Judge by registered or certified mail within 10 days from the date the warning was
7 mailed.

8 **7. License or certificate of approval subsequent to violation.** ~~If violations a~~
9 ~~violation~~ by licensees ~~occur in one year's license period and remain a licensee remains~~
10 ~~undiscovered during the one-year period of the license or certificate of approval or carry~~
11 ~~over into the next license year continues after the licensee's license or certificate of approval~~
12 ~~has been renewed, pending investigation or final disposition either in criminal courts or~~
13 ~~before the District Court Judge, any the license or certificate of approval issued for a new~~
14 ~~license year subsequent to the violation may be suspended or revoked by the District Court~~
15 ~~Judge.~~

16 **8. Fines.** Notwithstanding any ~~other provisions~~ provision of this Title to the contrary,
17 the District Court Judge may impose a fine of a specific sum on a licensee or the licensee's
18 agent or employee, of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,500, for any one offense. Such a
19 fine may be imposed instead of or in addition to any suspension or revocation of a license
20 or certificate of approval by the court.

21 A. The District Court Judge shall maintain a record of all fines received by the court
22 and shall pay the fines into the General Fund by the 15th day of each month.

23 **9. Offer in compromise.** Notwithstanding any ~~other provisions~~ provision of this Title
24 to the contrary, the District Court Judge may accept from ~~any a~~ a wholesale licensee or
25 certificate of approval holder under this Title an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension
26 of ~~any a~~ a wholesale license or certificate of approval suspended by the District Court Judge.

27 A. A wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder may petition the District
28 Court Judge to accept an offer in compromise within 10 days following receipt of
29 notice of the suspension.

30 B. The fine in lieu of suspension, when an offer in compromise is accepted by the
31 District Court Judge, shall must be calculated ~~in accordance with the following~~
32 ~~formula: 50% of the daily gross profit multiplied by the number of days of license~~
33 ~~suspension, except that the fine may not be less than \$75 for each day of license~~
34 ~~suspension or more than \$1,500 for any one offense. For purposes of this paragraph,~~
35 ~~"daily gross profit" means 1/30 of the total gross receipts from the sale of liquor during~~
36 ~~the 30 business days immediately before the date of receipt of the notice of the license~~
37 ~~suspension, less the invoice cost of the liquor sold by the wholesale licensee or~~
38 ~~certificate of approval holder during those 30 business days.~~

39 (1) ~~Fifty percent of the daily gross profit multiplied by the number of license~~
40 ~~suspension days. Daily gross profit shall be determined to be 1/30 of the total gross~~
41 ~~receipts from the sale of liquor during the 30 business days immediately before the~~
42 ~~date of receipt of the notice of the license suspension, less the invoice cost of the~~
43 ~~liquor which was sold by the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder~~
44 ~~during those 30 business days;~~

1 (2) ~~No such fine, in any event, shall be less than \$75 for each day of license~~
2 ~~suspension; and~~

3 (3) ~~The fine must not exceed \$1,500 for any one offense.~~

4 C. The wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder shall pay the fine to the
5 District Court within 5 days from the date of the acceptance of the offer in compromise.
6 The District Court ~~Judge~~ shall then pay the fine into the General Fund.

7 D. If a wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder fails to pay the fine in full
8 within the time period allowed in this subsection, the suspension of license or
9 certificate of approval begins on the following day.

10 **Sec. 114. 28-A MRSA §804**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected
11 by §80, is further amended to read:

12 **§804. Record of proceedings and transcript**

13 The District Court ~~Judge~~ shall keep a full and complete record of all proceedings on
14 the revocation and suspension of ~~any a license or certificate of approval~~ issued by the
15 bureau. The District Court ~~Judge~~ is not required to have a transcript of the testimony
16 prepared unless required for rehearing or appeal.

17 **Sec. 115. 28-A MRSA §805**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 559, Pt. A, §32, is further
18 amended to read:

19 **§805. Appeal from decision of District Court ~~Judge~~ or bureau**

20 **1. Aggrieved person may appeal within 30 days.** ~~Any~~ A person aggrieved by the
21 decision of the District Court ~~Judge~~ in revoking or suspending any license or certificate of
22 approval issued by the bureau or by refusal of the bureau to issue ~~any a license applied for~~
23 or certificate of approval may, within 30 days of the decision or refusal, appeal to the
24 Superior Court by filing a complaint.

25 A. The 30-day period for appeal begins on:

26 (1) In the case of ~~license revocation or a suspension or revocation~~, the effective
27 date of the suspension or revocation; or

28 (2) In the case of refusal by the bureau to issue a license or certificate of approval,
29 on the day when the bureau sends by registered or certified mail notice to the
30 applicant at the address of the applicant's business given in the applicant's
31 application for a license or certificate of approval.

32 B. Filing the complaint in the Superior Court stops the running of the limitation period.

33 **2. Suspension or revocation suspended pending appeal.** The operation of a
34 suspension or revocation of a license or certificate of approval imposed by the District
35 Court ~~shall~~ must be suspended, pending judgment of the Superior Court, if the licensee
36 files an appeal in the Superior Court and notifies the District Court that the appeal has been
37 filed, within 7 days of the mailing of the decision of the District Court by certified mail to
38 the address given by the licensee at the time of the application for a the license or certificate
39 of approval.

40 **4. Superior Court decision.** After the hearing, the Superior Court may affirm, modify
41 or reverse the decision of the District Court ~~Judge~~.

1 **5. Further appeal.** An ~~aggrieved~~ aggrieved person may appeal the Superior Court
2 decision to the Supreme Judicial Court. Upon appeal, the Supreme Judicial Court may,
3 after consideration, reverse or modify any decree made by the Superior Court based upon
4 an erroneous ruling or finding of law.

5 **Sec. 116. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
6 §4, is further amended to read:

7 A. ~~Airlines~~ Airline corporations;

8 **Sec. 117. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

9 E-1. Curling centers;

10 **Sec. 118. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶F**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §57,
11 is repealed.

12 **Sec. 119. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
13 is amended to read:

14 I. Indoor ice skating ~~clubs~~ centers;

15 **Sec. 120. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
16 is amended to read:

17 J. Indoor racquet ~~clubs~~ centers;

18 **Sec. 121. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
19 §4, is amended to read:

20 L. Qualified catering services; ~~and~~

21 **Sec. 122. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶L-1** is enacted to read:

22 L-1. Railroad corporations; and

23 **Sec. 123. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶M**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
24 §4, is amended to read:

25 M. ~~Vessels~~ Vessel corporations.

26 **Sec. 124. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
27 §4, is amended to read:

28 A. ~~Airlines~~ Airline corporations;

29 **Sec. 125. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

30 E-1. Curling centers;

31 **Sec. 126. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶F**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §60,
32 is repealed.

33 **Sec. 127. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
34 is amended to read:

35 I. Indoor ice skating ~~clubs~~ centers;

36 **Sec. 128. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
37 is amended to read:

1 J. Indoor racquet ~~clubs~~ centers;

2 **Sec. 129. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
3 §4, is amended to read:

4 L. Qualified catering services; ~~and~~

5 **Sec. 130. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶L-1** is enacted to read:

6 L-1. Railroad corporations; and

7 **Sec. 131. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶M**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
8 §4, is amended to read:

9 M. ~~Vessels~~ Vessel corporations.

10 **Sec. 132. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
11 §4, is amended to read:

12 A. ~~Airlines~~ Airline corporations;

13 **Sec. 133. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶E-1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 558, §3,
14 is amended to read:

15 E-1. Curling ~~clubs~~ centers;

16 **Sec. 134. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶F**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §62,
17 is repealed.

18 **Sec. 135. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
19 is amended to read:

20 I. Indoor ice skating ~~clubs~~ centers;

21 **Sec. 136. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
22 is amended to read:

23 J. Indoor racquet ~~clubs~~ centers;

24 **Sec. 137. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶M-1** is enacted to read:

25 M-1. Railroad corporations;

26 **Sec. 138. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
27 §4, is amended to read:

28 O. ~~Vessels~~ Vessel corporations.

29 **Sec. 139. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
30 §4, is amended to read:

31 A. ~~Airlines~~ Airline corporations;

32 **Sec. 140. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

33 E-1. Curling centers;

34 **Sec. 141. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶F**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §64,
35 is repealed.

1 **Sec. 142. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
2 is amended to read:

3 I. Indoor ice skating ~~clubs~~ centers;

4 **Sec. 143. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4,
5 is amended to read:

6 J. Indoor racquet ~~clubs~~ centers;

7 **Sec. 144. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶M-1** is enacted to read:

8 M-1. Railroad corporations;

9 **Sec. 145. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶Q**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
10 §4, is amended to read:

11 Q. ~~Vessels~~ Vessel corporations.

12 **Sec. 146. 28-A MRSA §1007, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §68,
13 is further amended to read:

14 A. ~~Off-premise~~ Off-premises retailers with a qualifying stock of groceries, compatible
15 merchandise or combination of both, as described in section 1201, subsections 6 and
16 7.

17 **Sec. 147. 28-A MRSA §1009, sub-§3, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987,
18 c. 342, §72, is amended to read:

19 A. ~~Off-premise~~ Off-premises retailers with a qualifying stock of groceries, compatible
20 merchandise or combination of both, as described in section 1201, subsections 6 and
21 7.

22 **Sec. 148. 28-A MRSA §1010-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 497, §1, is
23 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

24 **2. Fees.** The fees for a Class VIII license are as follows:

25 A. The initial fee for a Class VIII license is \$2,000;

26 B. The annual renewal fee for a Class VIII license is \$700; and

27 C. The fee to transfer a Class VIII license to a new owner of an agency liquor store in
28 accordance with section 457 is \$2,000.

29 **Sec. 149. 28-A MRSA §1010-A, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 460, §2,
30 is amended to read:

31 A. Agency liquor store licensees with a qualifying stock of groceries, compatible
32 merchandise or a combination of both, as described in section 1201, subsections 6 and
33 7.

34 **Sec. 150. 28-A MRSA §1011-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. ZZ,
35 §17, is amended to read:

36 **1. Types of liquor that may be sold.** A Class XI licensee may sell spirits, wine and
37 ~~to be consumed on the premises where sold~~ liquor for on-premises consumption.

1 **Sec. 151. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 623, §12, is
2 further amended to read:

3 **1. Incorporated civic organizations.** An incorporated civic organization may obtain
4 up to 5 licenses per year to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor ~~to be consumed on the premises~~
5 for on-premises consumption as provided in section 1071. The fee for each license is \$50.

6 A. ~~The license fee for each license is\$ 50.~~

7 **Sec. 152. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 17, §6, is
8 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

9 **2. Auxiliary license.** The following licensed establishments may obtain an auxiliary
10 license to sell spirits, wine or malt liquor for on-premises consumption at one additional
11 premises as provided in section 1075:

12 A. A Class A restaurant located at, a Class A restaurant/lounge located at, a Class A
13 lounge located at or a hotel with a Class I license located at a ski area, golf course or
14 disc golf course; and

15 B. A golf course with a Class I license or a club with a Class I or Class V license
16 located at a golf course or disc golf course.

17 The fee for an auxiliary license is \$100.

18 **Sec. 153. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 236, §1, is
19 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

20 **3. Off-premises catering license.** A club licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor
21 or a licensed Class A restaurant, licensed Class A restaurant/lounge, licensed Class A
22 lounge, licensed hotel or licensed bed and breakfast may obtain a license to conduct off-
23 premises catering of the same type or types of liquor that the establishment may sell
24 pursuant to the establishment's underlying club, Class A restaurant, Class A
25 restaurant/lounge, Class A lounge, hotel or bed and breakfast license as provided in section
26 1052. The fee for an off-premises catering license is \$10 per calendar day of the event or
27 gathering.

28 **Sec. 154. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §19, is
29 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

30 **4. Golf course or disc golf course mobile service bar.** A licensee that is the owner
31 of a golf course or disc golf course and a licensee that is a Class A restaurant located at, a
32 Class A restaurant/lounge located at or a hotel with a Class I license located at a golf course
33 or disc golf course may apply for a license to sell liquor from a mobile service bar as
34 provided in section 1075-A. The license fee per calendar year is \$100.

35 **Sec. 155. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§6, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §16,
36 is further amended to read:

37 C. A minibar may be stocked with ~~beer~~ malt liquor, wine and spirits as well as other
38 complementary merchandise;

39 **Sec. 156. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§6, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 458, §2, is
40 amended to read:

1 D. Supplies of ~~beer~~ malt liquor and wine for a hotel minibar must be purchased from
2 a wholesale licensee;

3 **Sec. 157. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 236, §2, is
4 further amended to read:

5 A. Subject to law and the rules of the bureau, hotel or bed and breakfast licensees may
6 sell liquor in the original packages or by the drink to ~~bona fide registered room~~ hotel
7 guests or bed and breakfast guests, respectively. ~~Any~~ A sale to a hotel guest or bed and
8 breakfast guest may be delivered to the guest's room only by a hotel or bed and
9 breakfast employee, respectively.

10 **Sec. 158. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
11 §4, is amended to read:

12 B. A licensee may serve liquor at locations other than the licensed premises under the
13 ~~off-premise~~ off-premises catering license issued under section 1052.

14 **Sec. 159. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 306, §1, is
15 amended to read:

16 **4. Partially Removal of partially consumed bottles of wine from premises.**
17 Notwithstanding subsection 3, ~~any~~ an establishment licensed by the State to sell wine on
18 the premises may permit a person who has purchased a full ~~course~~ meal, and purchased and
19 partially consumed a bottle of ~~table~~ wine with the full meal, to remove the partially
20 consumed bottle from the premises upon departure, ~~provided that~~ as long as the person is
21 not visibly intoxicated as provided in section 2503, subsection 7; and the bottle of ~~table~~
22 wine is removed and transported in a manner consistent with subsection 5.

23 **Sec. 160. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 293, §1, is
24 further amended to read:

25 **5. Transporting Transportation of partially consumed bottles of wine.** A partially
26 consumed bottle of ~~table~~ wine that is removed from the premises under subsection 4 must
27 be transported in compliance with Title 29-A, section 2112-A, if transported by motor
28 vehicle, or securely sealed and bagged if transported on foot or by means other than a motor
29 vehicle.

30 **Sec. 161. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §18, is
31 further amended to read:

32 **6. Spirits taste-testing events for retail licensees on on-premises retail licensee's**
33 **premises.** A ~~distiller distillery~~, a licensed spirits sales representative and the ~~State's~~
34 wholesale ~~liquor~~ spirits provider, with the written permission of the bureau, may rent or
35 lease an area or room from an on-premises retail licensee for the purpose of inviting retail
36 licensees to taste test spirits. Spirits taste-testing events must be conducted during hours
37 that are authorized by the bureau for the sale of the product on the premises. The following
38 conditions apply to ~~all taste-testing~~ each taste-testing event conducted under this subsection.

39 A. The ~~distiller distillery~~, the licensed spirits sales representative or the ~~State's~~
40 wholesale ~~liquor~~ spirits provider may provide the products for ~~taste-testing~~ the taste-
41 testing event only if the retail price has been paid and a record of the transaction is
42 maintained and made available to the bureau.

1 B. The taste-testing ~~activity~~ event may be conducted only within a special designated
2 area or room.

3 C. The taste-testing ~~activity~~ event may be open only to invited retail licensees or their
4 authorized agents and not to family members, guests or the ~~general~~ public.

5 D. After the taste-testing ~~activity~~ event is concluded, the ~~distiller~~ distillery, the licensed
6 spirits sales representative or the wholesale liquor ~~spirits~~ provider, as applicable, shall
7 remove all products supplied for the taste-testing ~~activity~~ event from the retail
8 licensee's premises.

9 E. Spirits may not be served to a person who is a minor or who is visibly intoxicated.

10 **Sec. 162. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §19, is
11 further amended to read:

12 **8. Liquor taste-testing events for general public on on-premises retail licensee's**
13 **premises.** The bureau may authorize an ~~on-premise~~ on-premises retail licensee to conduct
14 ~~taste-testings of liquor~~ taste-testing events open to the public on the licensed premises.
15 Taste-testing events under this subsection ~~must be conducted during hours that are~~
16 ~~authorized by the bureau for the sale of liquor on the licensed premises and~~ may be held in
17 collaboration with a certificate of approval holder, sales representative licensed under
18 section 1502 or wholesale licensee. An ~~on-premise~~ on-premises retail licensee may request
19 authority to conduct a ~~taste testing~~ taste-testing event using forms prescribed by the bureau.
20 ~~The request must indicate if a sales representative licensed under section 1502 will be~~
21 ~~pouring samples of liquor for taste testing and verification that the sales representative has~~
22 ~~successfully completed an alcohol server education course approved by the commissioner.~~
23 The following conditions apply to all taste-testing events conducted under this subsection.

24 A. Liquor may not be served to persons who have not yet attained 21 years of age.

25 B. A person may not be served more than a total of 12 ounces of malt liquor having
26 an alcohol content of 6% or less; for malt liquor having an alcohol content greater than
27 6% but less than 12%, a person may not be served more than a total of 6 ounces; or,
28 for malt liquor having an alcohol content of 12% or greater, a person may not be served
29 more than a total of 3 ounces.

30 C. A person may not be served more than a total of 5 ounces of wine having an alcohol
31 content of 14% or less; or, for wine having an alcohol content greater than 14%, a
32 person may not be served more than a total of 3 ounces of wine.

33 D. A person may not be served more than a total of 1 1/2 ounces, in 1/2 ounce servings,
34 of spirits having an alcohol content of 80 proof or less; or, for spirits containing an
35 alcohol content of greater than 80 proof, a person may not be served more than a total
36 of 3/4 of an ounce in 1/4 ounce servings.

37 E. A person may not be charged a fee for any liquor served as part of a taste-testing
38 event.

39 F. A person may not be served who is visibly intoxicated.

40 G. A taste-testing event must be conducted within the hours of retail sale established
41 in this Title.

- 1 H. The retail licensee must obtain the written permission of the bureau before
2 conducting a taste-testing event.
- 3 I. The retail licensee may conduct no more than one taste-testing event per month.
- 4 J. A taste-testing event is not allowed in any municipality where on-premises and off-
5 premises sales are not allowed pursuant to chapter 5.
- 6 K. The retail licensee must notify the bureau of the date and time scheduled for a taste-
7 testing event. ~~This notification must list the name of any sales representative licensed~~
8 ~~under section 1502 who will be pouring samples for taste testing.~~
- 9 L. Liquor served at a taste-testing event may be provided by the retail licensee
10 purchasing the liquor from a wholesale licensee or ~~agency liquor store~~ a reselling agent.
11 A record of a transaction under this paragraph must be maintained and made available
12 to the bureau.
- 13 M. The retail licensee shall establish a designated area in which to conduct a taste-
14 testing event in accordance with this section and shall make reasonable attempts to
15 ensure that tastings are confined to the designated area.
- 16 N. The retail licensee, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct an invitation-
17 only taste-testing event at the licensed premises in place of or to coincide with a taste-
18 testing event that is open to the public.
- 19 O. After a taste-testing event is concluded, the retail licensee may return any unused
20 portion of liquor used to conduct the taste-testing event to the licensee's existing stock.
- 21 P. A certificate of approval holder, licensed sales representative or wholesale licensee
22 ~~who~~ that participates in a taste-testing event may provide and distribute food or snacks
23 to be consumed in conjunction with the liquor to be tasted at no cost to the public or
24 the retail licensee if the total cost for the food or snacks does not exceed \$200 per event.
25 Any remaining food or snacks provided in conjunction with a taste-testing event must
26 be removed by the certificate of approval holder, licensed sales representative or
27 wholesale licensee from the licensed premises at the conclusion of the event.
- 28 Q. A certificate of approval holder, licensed sales representative or wholesale licensee
29 ~~who~~ that participates in a taste-testing event may provide material to advertise the
30 liquor being offered at the taste-testing event or for the promotion of responsible use
31 of alcohol. A certificate of approval holder, licensed sales representative or wholesale
32 licensee may use the advertising material only for promotional display on the licensed
33 premises. Advertising material related to the taste-testing event may include signs,
34 coasters, napkins, table tents and items of like value and must be removed by the
35 certificate of approval holder, licensed sales representative or wholesale licensee from
36 the licensed premises at the conclusion of the event.
- 37 R. A certificate of approval holder, licensed sales representative or wholesale licensee
38 ~~who~~ that participates in a taste-testing event may distribute novelties to the public
39 during the event at a cost not to exceed \$3 per novelty. All remaining novelties under
40 this paragraph must be removed by the certificate of approval holder, licensed sales
41 representative or wholesale licensee from the licensed premises at the conclusion of
42 the taste-testing event.

1 S. Liquor may be poured for the taste-testing event only by the owner or an employee
2 of the on-premises retail licensee, by a sales representative licensed under section 1502
3 or, if the manufacturer of the liquor being poured is licensed under section 1355-A, by
4 the manufacturer or an employee of the manufacturer.

5 The bureau may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this
6 subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

7 **Sec. 163. 28-A MRSA §1052**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 260, §1, is further
8 amended to read:

9 **§1052. Off-premise Off-premises catering at planned events or gatherings**

10 **1. Off-premise Off-premises catering license for sale of liquor off-premise.** ~~Class~~
11 ~~A restaurants, Class A lounges, Class A restaurant/lounges, hotels, bed and breakfasts and~~
12 ~~clubs~~ A club licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor ~~or a licensed Class A restaurant,~~
13 licensed Class A restaurant/lounge, licensed Class A lounge, licensed hotel or licensed bed
14 and breakfast may apply for an additional license to conduct off-premises catering ~~of~~
15 ~~spirits, wine and malt liquor~~ at planned events or gatherings to be held at locations other
16 than the licensee's premises under this section.

17 ~~**2. Fee.** The license fee for the off-premise catering license is \$10 per calendar day of~~
18 ~~the event or gathering.~~

19 **3. Sponsor Type of event.** ~~The off-premise sales~~ An off-premises catering license
20 authorizes the licensee to sell the type of liquor specified in subsection 3-A only at:

21 A. Public events or public gatherings sponsored by a charitable, nonprofit organization
22 or civic group; and

23 B. Private events or private gatherings sponsored by an individual person, organization
24 or association of persons.

25 **3-A. Type of liquor.** An off-premises catering licensee may sell at an event described
26 in subsection 3 only the type or types of liquor that the licensee is authorized to sell pursuant
27 to the licensee's underlying club, Class A restaurant, Class A restaurant/lounge, Class A
28 lounge, hotel or bed and breakfast license.

29 **4. Application.** The licensee must apply for an off-premises catering license by filing
30 a written application with the bureau at least 24 hours before the event or gathering. The
31 application must include the following:

32 A. Title and purpose of the event;

33 B. Date, time and duration;

34 C. Location;

35 D. Approximate number of persons to be accommodated;

36 E. Name and address of sponsoring person, organization or association;

37 F. If food is to be served, the name and address of food caterer, if other than the
38 licensee; and

39 G. Approval by the municipal officers, or a municipal official designated by the
40 municipal officers, of the municipality in which the proposed additional licensed
41 premises are located, which, notwithstanding section 653, may be granted without

1 public notice. The bureau shall accept approval required under this paragraph in
2 electronic form submitted by the applicant or directly by the municipality to the bureau.

3 **5. Ruling on application.** Upon receipt of the application, the bureau may
4 immediately approve or deny the application. The bureau shall advise the applicant that
5 the license and the ~~off-premise~~ off-premises sales license may be revoked and suspended
6 under chapter 33.

7 **6. Local option questions.** The bureau may not grant approval for the sale of liquor
8 at events to be held in areas where the voters have voted in the negative concerning the
9 pertinent local option questions.

10 **Sec. 164. 28-A MRSA §1052-D**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §§20 to 25, is
11 further amended to read:

12 **§1052-D. Taste-testing event license**

13 **1. Taste-testing event license.** ~~A person who has been issued a license under section~~
14 ~~1355-A, a wholesaler licensed under section 1401, a person who has been granted a~~
15 ~~certificate of approval from the bureau, a supplier or foreign manufacturer of spirits or a~~
16 ~~broker~~ One or more certificate of approval holders, wholesale licensees or spirits suppliers
17 may apply jointly in any combination for a license to participate in a taste-testing event
18 subject to the conditions prescribed by this section. ~~For the purposes of this section,~~
19 ~~"broker" means a person who represents suppliers or manufacturers of spirits and "foreign~~
20 ~~manufacturer of spirits" means a person who produces spirits outside of the State.~~

21 **2. Sponsored manufacturers.** For the purposes of this section, "sponsored
22 manufacturer" means a manufacturer without a license or certificate of approval ~~who that~~
23 ~~is sponsored by a certificate of approval holder or a manufacturer licensed under section~~
24 ~~1355-A or a manufacturer who may participate in a taste-testing event~~ person licensed
25 under subsection 1.

26 A sponsored manufacturer licensed in another state may participate in the taste-testing
27 event in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as a ~~manufacturer person~~
28 ~~licensed under section 1355-A or a person who has been granted a certificate of approval~~
29 subsection 1 if:

- 30 A. The sponsored manufacturer provides a copy of state and federal licenses or permits
31 authorizing the manufacture of ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor; and
32 B. The sponsored manufacturer is included on the application for the taste-testing
33 event license.

34 Nothing in this section prohibits a ~~manufacturer licensed under section 1355-A or a~~
35 ~~manufacturer who has received a certificate of approval~~ person licensed under subsection
36 1 from sponsoring more than one sponsored manufacturer.

37 **3. Application.** An applicant for a taste-testing event license shall submit a written
38 application to the bureau no later than 15 calendar days prior to the first day of the taste-
39 testing event. The application must include the following:

- 40 A. The name and address of each applicant;
41 B. The title and purpose of the taste-testing event;
42 C. The date, time and duration of the taste-testing event;

- 1 D. The address and location of the taste-testing event including a description of the
2 area designated for the taste-testing event;
- 3 E. The names of each sponsored manufacturer ~~who~~ that intends to take part in the
4 taste-testing event and the name of the certificate of approval holder or manufacturer
5 ~~who~~ that has agreed to be the manufacturer's sponsor;
- 6 F. The sample size and overall sample limit that will be imposed for each day of the
7 taste-testing event consistent with the requirements in subsection 7, paragraph C; and
- 8 G. Approval by the municipal officer or a municipal official designated by the
9 municipal officers of the municipality where the taste-testing event will be located.
10 Notwithstanding section 653, the approval may be granted without public notice.
- 11 **4. Fee.** The license fee for a taste-testing event license is \$20 for each ~~manufacturer~~
12 ~~licensed under section 1355-A, person licensed under subsection 1 and each sponsored~~
13 ~~manufacturer, wholesaler licensed under section 1401, certificate of approval holder or~~
14 ~~broker participating in the taste-testing event.~~
- 15 **5. Ruling on application.** Upon receipt of an application under subsection 3, the
16 bureau shall immediately approve or deny the application. The bureau shall advise
17 applicants that the license may be suspended or revoked under chapter 33.
- 18 **6. Up to 10 licensed events per year; one event per license.** ~~A certificate of approval~~
19 ~~holder, a manufacturer licensed under section 1355-A, a supplier or foreign manufacturer~~
20 ~~of spirits, a broker or a wholesaler licensed under section 1401~~ A person eligible for a
21 license under subsection 1 may obtain up to 10 licenses under this section per calendar
22 year. Each license permits a taste-testing event lasting up to 4 consecutive days.
- 23 **7. Conditions.** The following conditions apply to taste-testing events licensed under
24 this section.
- 25 A. A person may not be charged a fee, except the fee for admission, for any malt
26 liquor, wine or spirits that are offered for taste testing at the event. ~~This paragraph does~~
27 ~~not apply to malt liquor, wine or spirits that are sold for on-premises consumption under~~
28 ~~a license duly issued by the bureau separate from a taste-testing event license.~~
- 29 B. The venue for the taste-testing event may not be currently licensed to serve
30 ~~alcoholic beverages~~ any type of liquor for on-premises consumption. If the venue is
31 currently licensed for on-premises consumption, the bureau shall ~~permit the temporary~~
32 ~~surrender of the venue's license for the duration of the taste-testing event temporarily~~
33 ~~suspend the authority of the on-premises retail licensee to sell liquor for on-premises~~
34 ~~consumption in the area designated for the taste-testing event. Notwithstanding~~
35 ~~paragraph A, the on-premises retail licensee may sell liquor for on-premises~~
36 ~~consumption outside the area designated for the taste-testing event.~~
- 37 C. A licensee under this section shall limit the size of samples provided for tasting to
38 4 ounces of malt liquor, 1 1/2 ounces of wine and 1/2 ounce of spirits. A licensee shall
39 limit the total number of samples to 12 per day, per person, except that:
- 40 (1) The 12-sample limit does not apply when the licensee provides a variety of
41 substantial food offerings to patrons of the taste-testing event. For the purposes of
42 this subparagraph, "substantial food" does not include offerings such as
43 prepackaged snacks, pretzels, peanuts, popcorn or chips; and

1 (2) The sample-size and 12-sample limit do not apply when a licensee includes,
2 as part of a taste-testing event, a multicourse sit-down meal designed to pair food
3 with complementing ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor. This exception applies only at a
4 taste-testing event that is designed to promote the food and beverage or hospitality
5 industry at which at least 50% of the vendors represent and promote a business
6 other than the manufacture or distribution of liquor.

7 D. A licensee under this section shall record ~~of~~ the number of patrons admitted to the
8 taste-testing event by requiring patrons to submit a ticket or sign a register or by
9 employing some similar method of tracking attendance.

10 E. Points of entry to the taste-testing venue must be clearly defined and monitored to
11 ensure consumption takes place only within the designated area of the taste-testing
12 event.

13 F. A minor is prohibited from attending the taste-testing event unless accompanied by
14 a parent or guardian or unless the alcohol served at the taste-testing event is confined
15 to a segregated area from which minors are prohibited.

16 G. Malt liquor, wine or spirits for taste testing may not be poured in advance and made
17 available for patrons of the taste-testing event to serve themselves.

18 H. A person who is visibly intoxicated may not be served.

19 I. ~~A licensee under this section who is a manufacturer licensed under section 1355-A,
20 is a wholesaler licensed under section 1401 or is a certificate of approval holder A
21 person licensed under subsection 1 may provide for taste testing any malt liquor or
22 wine that the licensee, ~~wholesaler or manufacturer~~ manufactures or distributes that is
23 registered and authorized for distribution and sale under this Title. ~~A licensee under
24 this section who is a manufacturer of spirits licensed under section 1355-A, a supplier
25 or foreign manufacturer of spirits or a broker may provide for taste testing or any spirits
26 that the licensee manufactures or distributes that are listed for sale by the commission.~~
27 Excise taxes for malt liquor and wine under section 1652 must be paid before the
28 scheduled date of the taste-testing event.~~

29 J. A sponsored manufacturer may, for the purpose of promoting spirits, wine or malt
30 liquor ~~or wine~~ for distribution and sale in the State, provide for taste testing any spirits,
31 wine or malt liquor ~~or wine~~ that the sponsored manufacturer manufactures outside the
32 State and that has been registered with the United States Department of the Treasury,
33 Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. All containers of spirits, wine or malt
34 liquor ~~or wine~~ served in accordance with this paragraph, including empty containers,
35 must be removed from the State following the taste-testing event. All spirits, wine and
36 malt liquor ~~and wine~~ provided for the taste-testing event under this paragraph is are
37 subject to excise taxes under section 1652 and premiums, when applicable, under
38 section 1703.

39 K. ~~Each manufacturer, sponsored manufacturer, wholesaler, certificate of approval~~
40 ~~holder or broker licensed to take part in the taste-testing event~~ person licensed under
41 subsection 1 and each participating sponsored manufacturer described under
42 subsection 2 shall make available to the bureau or local law enforcement agency upon
43 request a list of the persons designated by the respective licensee to serve malt liquor,
44 wine or spirits for taste testing at the event. The list must be accompanied by an

1 affidavit attesting that no person designated to serve alcohol for taste testing has been
2 found to have violated any state or federal law prohibiting the sale or furnishing of
3 alcohol to a minor.

4 L. Each ~~manufacturer, sponsored manufacturer, wholesaler, certificate of approval~~
5 ~~holder or broker~~ person licensed under subsection 1 and each participating sponsored
6 manufacturer described under subsection 2 shall provide to ~~any~~ a person designated to
7 serve malt liquor, wine or spirits for taste testing a badge or similar means of
8 identification that clearly identifies the name of the ~~manufacturer, sponsored~~
9 ~~manufacturer, supplier, wholesaler or certificate of approval holder~~ licensee or
10 sponsored manufacturer. The badge or similar means of identification must be worn
11 in a manner so that it is conspicuous and clearly visible to a person being served.

12 **8. Information to be provided by the bureau.** The bureau shall develop an
13 informational pamphlet or similar document that is posted on the bureau's publicly
14 accessible website describing the conditions that apply to the conduct of a taste-testing
15 event, including generally applicable laws and rules that are not described in this section.
16 The bureau shall consider commonly cited violations from similar events that have been
17 conducted in the State when developing the informational pamphlet or similar document.

18 **9. Retail sales for off-premises consumption.** Notwithstanding any provision of this
19 Title to the contrary, a licensed in-state brewery, small brewery, winery, small winery,
20 distillery or small distillery may sell for off-premises consumption at a taste-testing event
21 under this section malt liquor, wine or spirits manufactured in the State by the licensee
22 under the following conditions.

23 A. Malt liquor, wine or spirits for retail sale must be prepackaged and sold by the bottle
24 or case. A sale must be accompanied by a sales receipt.

25 B. Spirits sold by a distillery are subject to the listing, pricing and distribution
26 provisions of this Title. Spirits sold by a small distillery may be sold in the same
27 manner as permitted under section 1355-A, subsection 5, paragraph G.

28 **Sec. 165. 28-A MRS §1054, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 13, §2, is further
29 amended to read:

30 **2. Permit required Authority to require permit.** A municipality or, in the case of
31 an unincorporated place, the county commissioners may require ~~a~~ an on-premises retail
32 licensee for sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises to obtain a permit for music,
33 dancing or entertainment from the municipality or, in the case of an unincorporated place,
34 the county commissioners of the county in which the licensed premises are located. The
35 permit must specify which activities are prohibited on the licensed premises and may
36 include a list of which activities are authorized, in accordance with local ordinances or
37 regulations adopted by the municipality or unincorporated place.

38 **Sec. 166. 28-A MRS §1054, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 377, §16, is
39 further amended to read:

40 **8. Appeal procedure.** Any If the municipality has a board of appeals, as described in
41 Title 30-A, section 2691, a licensee who that has applied for a permit and has been denied,
42 or whose has had its permit has been revoked or suspended, may appeal the decision to the
43 municipal board of appeals, as defined in Title 30-A, section 2691, within 30 days of the

1 denial, suspension or revocation. The ~~municipal~~ board of appeals, ~~if the municipality has~~
2 ~~such a board~~, may grant or reinstate the permit if it finds that:

3 A. The permitted activities would not constitute a detriment to the public health, safety
4 or welfare, or violate municipal ordinances or regulations; or

5 B. The denial, revocation or suspension was arbitrary and capricious.

6 **Sec. 167. 28-A MRSA §1054, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 13, §2, is
7 further amended to read:

8 **11. Municipal ordinances or regulations.** A If a municipality requires permits under
9 subsection 2, the municipality shall adopt ordinances or authorize the municipal officers to
10 establish written regulations governing the following aspects of the permits.

11 A. These ordinances or regulations must govern:

12 (1) The issuance, suspension and revocation of these permits;

13 (2) The classes of permits and fees for the issuance of these permits;

14 (3) The music, dancing or entertainment permitted under each class; and

15 (4) Other limitations on these activities required to protect the public health, safety
16 and welfare.

17 B. These ordinances or regulations may specifically determine:

18 (1) The location and size of premises to which the permits may apply;

19 (2) The facilities that may be required for the permitted activities on those
20 premises;

21 (3) The hours during which the permitted activities may take place; and

22 (4) The lighting level required, which may be lowered when the entertainment is
23 provided.

24 **Sec. 168. 28-A MRSA §1054, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 13, §2, is
25 further amended to read:

26 **12. Unincorporated place.** If licensed premises are located in an unincorporated
27 place in which the county commissioners require permits under subsection 2, the county
28 commissioners ~~of the county in which the unincorporated place is located~~ shall grant,
29 suspend or revoke permits in the same manner and with the same authority as municipal
30 officers. ~~The county commissioners~~ and shall adopt regulations in the same manner as
31 municipal officers.

32 **Sec. 169. 28-A MRSA §1055, sub-§1, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 142, §3, is
33 amended to read:

34 G. Spirits served as a sample must be purchased from ~~the State or the State's contracted~~
35 ~~wholesaler~~ a reselling agent.

36 **Sec. 170. 28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 270, §1, is
37 further amended to read:

1 **2. Minors not permitted on premises.** Except as provided in paragraph B, ~~no~~ a hotel
2 licensee may not permit any a minor in any a hotel lounge that serves alcoholic beverages
3 where liquor is served.

4 B. This subsection does not apply when:

5 (1) The minor is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or custodian, as defined
6 in Title 22, section 4002;

7 (2) The minor is employed under section 704; or

8 (3) The licensee does not permit consumption of liquor on the licensed premises.

9 **Sec. 171. 28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §83, is
10 further amended to read:

11 **3. Income from sale of food requirement.** At least 10% of the gross annual income,
12 not including income from the rental of rooms or from a minibar licensed under section
13 1012, must be from the sale of food for each licensed hotel. This requirement does not
14 apply to a hotel that has a Class I-A license under section 1002.

15 **Sec. 172. 28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

16 **3-A. Bureau to determine whether new applicant would probably meet sale of**
17 **food requirement.** The bureau may not issue an initial license to a hotel unless it
18 determines that the applicant would probably meet the requirements of subsection 3. This
19 requirement does not apply to a hotel that applies for a Class I-A license under section
20 1002.

21 **Sec. 173. 28-A MRSA §1061, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

22 **3-B. Proof of compliance with sale of food requirement for license renewal.** The
23 bureau may not renew a hotel's license unless the licensee furnishes the bureau with proof
24 that the previous year's business met the requirements of subsection 3. If the bureau
25 determines that the licensee has not satisfied the requirements of subsection 3, the bureau
26 may renew the license for only one year, during which the licensee must meet the
27 requirements of subsection 3 to be eligible for further license renewal. This subsection
28 does not apply to a hotel that has a Class I-A license under section 1002.

29 **Sec. 174. 28-A MRSA §1062,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §§87 to 89, is further
30 amended to read:

31 **§1062. Restaurant requirements Restaurants**

32 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale
33 of wine and malt liquor ~~to be consumed on the premises~~ for on-premises consumption to
34 restaurants, as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph Q.

35 **3. Income from sale of food requirement.** ~~Except as provided in paragraph B,~~ at At
36 least 10% of the gross annual income must be from the sale of food for both year-round
37 and part-time restaurants.

38 ~~A. The bureau may not renew any license for the sale of wine or malt liquor unless the~~
39 ~~licensee furnishes proof to the bureau that the previous year's business conformed to~~
40 ~~the income requirement of this subsection.~~

1 B. ~~Income from the bowling business in bowling alleys must not be included in the~~
2 ~~income requirement of this section.~~

3 **4. Bureau determines who to determine whether new applicant would probably**
4 **qualify meet sale of food requirement.** The bureau may not issue ~~the~~ an initial license ~~if~~
5 to a restaurant unless it determines that the applicant ~~for a new license~~ would probably meet
6 the requirements of subsection 3.

7 **5. Proof of compliance with sale of food requirement for license renewal.** The
8 bureau may not renew a restaurant's license unless the licensee furnishes the bureau with
9 proof that the previous year's business met the requirements of subsection 3. If the bureau
10 determines that the licensee has not satisfied the requirements of subsection 3, the bureau
11 may renew the license for only one year, during which the licensee must meet the
12 requirements of subsection 3 to be eligible for further license renewal.

13 **Sec. 175. 28-A MRSA §1063**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 25, §1, is further amended
14 to read:

15 **§1063. Class A restaurants and Class A restaurant/lounges**

16 **1. Issuance of license.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale
17 of spirits, wine and malt liquor ~~to be consumed on the premises for on-premises~~
18 consumption to Class A restaurants, as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph R,
19 and to Class A restaurant/lounges, as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph R-1.

20 **2. Income from sale of food requirement.** At least a minimum amount of the gross
21 annual income must be from the sale of food for each Class A restaurant or Class A
22 restaurant/lounge. The income from the sale of food requirement is based on the population
23 of the municipality in which the Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge is located.
24 The bureau shall prorate the income from the sale of food requirement under this subsection
25 for licensees that operate during only part of an annual license period.

26 A. In municipalities having a population of more than 50,000 persons:

27 (1) Year-round Class A restaurants or Class A restaurant/lounges must have a
28 minimum gross annual income of \$50,000 per year from the sale of food to the
29 public on their premises.

30 B. In municipalities having a population of more than 30,000 but not more than 50,000
31 persons:

32 (1) Year-round Class A restaurants or Class A restaurant/lounges must have a
33 minimum gross annual income of \$40,000 per year from the sale of food to the
34 public on their premises.

35 C. In municipalities having a population of more than 20,000 but not more than 30,000
36 persons:

37 (1) Year-round Class A restaurants or Class A restaurant/lounges must have a
38 minimum gross annual income of \$30,000 per year from the sale of food to the
39 public on their premises.

40 D. In municipalities having a population of not more than 20,000 persons:

1 (1) Year-round Class A restaurants or Class A restaurant/lounges must have a
2 minimum gross annual income of \$20,000 per year in sale of food to the public on
3 their premises.

4 **3. Bureau determines to determine whether new applicant would probably**
5 **qualify meet sale of food requirement.** The bureau may not issue ~~the an initial~~ license ~~if~~
6 ~~to a Class A restaurant or a Class A restaurant/lounge unless~~ it determines that the applicant
7 would probably ~~qualify meet~~ the requirements of subsection 2.

8 **4. Licensee for renewal must show proof of meeting income requirement Proof of**
9 **compliance with sale of food requirement for license renewal.** The bureau may not
10 renew ~~any a Class A restaurant's or a Class A restaurant/lounge's~~ license ~~for the sale of~~
11 ~~liquor under this subsection~~ unless the licensee furnishes the bureau with proof that the
12 previous year's business ~~conformed to~~ met the ~~income requirement~~ requirements of this
13 subsection 2. ~~The bureau shall prorate food requirements for licensees who operate during~~
14 ~~only part of an annual license period~~ If the bureau determines that the licensee has not
15 satisfied the requirements of subsection 2, the bureau may renew the license for only one
16 year, during which the licensee must meet the requirements of subsection 2 to be eligible
17 for further license renewal.

18 **Sec. 176. 28-A MRS §1063-B, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 760, §4, is
19 amended to read:

20 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale
21 of malt liquor and wine ~~to be consumed on the premises~~ for on-premises consumption to
22 pool halls as defined in section 2, subsection ~~23-A~~ 15, paragraph N-1.

23 **Sec. 177. 28-A MRS §1065,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 493, §12 and affected by
24 §14 and amended by c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended by amending the section headnote
25 to read:

26 **§1065. Licenses for Class A lounges**

27 **Sec. 178. 28-A MRS §1065, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 493, §12 and
28 affected by §14, is further amended to read:

29 **4. Minors not allowed on premises.** Minors are not permitted to remain on the
30 premises of a licensed Class A lounge except when:

31 A. The minor is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or custodian, as defined in
32 Title 22, section 4002; or

33 B. The licensee does not permit consumption of liquor on the premises for a specific
34 period of time or event.

35 **Sec. 179. 28-A MRS §1066-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 824, Pt. A,
36 §58, is further amended to read:

37 **2. Minors not permitted on premises.** Minors are not permitted to remain on the
38 premises of a licensed tavern unless:

39 A. Accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or custodian, as defined in Title 22,
40 section 4002; or

41 B. Employed under section 704.

1 **Sec. 180. 28-A MRSA §1070, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 101, §1, is
2 further amended to read:

3 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses to civic auditoriums as defined
4 in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph C under this section for the sale of spirits, wine and
5 malt liquor. The license may be issued to the owner of the civic auditorium, the operator
6 of the civic auditorium or the entity providing ~~alcoholic beverages~~ spirits, wine and malt
7 liquor to the public in the civic auditorium.

8 **Sec. 181. 28-A MRSA §1070, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 101, §1, is
9 amended to read:

10 **5. Bottle service of spirits; designated areas.** A civic auditorium licensee may sell
11 spirits in original containers for service in a civic auditorium club suite under the following
12 conditions:

13 A. Spirits to be consumed in the club suite ~~are~~ must be provided exclusively by the
14 civic auditorium licensee;

15 B. Spirits containers provided for consumption in the club suite must remain in the
16 club suite for the duration of the event for which they were provided;

17 C. The number of spirits containers provided for consumption in the club suite may
18 not exceed 6; and

19 D. The registered tenant of the club suite or individual specifically granted access to
20 the club suite by the civic auditorium ~~signs~~ must sign a contract with the civic
21 auditorium agreeing that no person under 21 years of age will be provided or served
22 ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor in the club suite.

23 For purposes of this subsection, "club suite" means a designated area within a civic
24 auditorium designed to provide premium viewing of an event in the auditorium and to
25 which access is limited to registered tenants, invited guests and those who have been
26 specifically granted access by the operator of the civic auditorium and is not accessible to
27 the ~~general~~ public or civic auditorium patrons with tickets that provide for general
28 admission to that event at the auditorium. A club suite must have a clearly designated point
29 of access for the registered tenant or person specifically granted access by the operator of
30 the civic auditorium to ensure that persons present in the suite are limited to invited guests
31 and employees providing services to the club suite.

32 **Sec. 182. 28-A MRSA §1071, sub-§6**, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 2, §17, is
33 amended to read:

34 **6. Server requirements.** ~~A manufacturer licensed by the bureau under section~~
35 ~~1355-A,~~ a certificate of approval holder or a ~~wholesaler who~~ wholesale licensee that
36 provides malt liquor, wine, ~~fortified wine~~ or spirits for the public event or gathering being
37 sponsored may serve its product at the event. An incorporated civic organization issued a
38 license in accordance with this section shall provide the names of persons not licensed
39 under chapter 51, 55 or 59 who will be serving ~~alcoholic beverages~~ malt liquor, wine or
40 spirits at the event. In the event that a server from that list is unavailable, a licensed
41 manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, small winery or small brewery that has provided
42 ~~alcoholic beverages~~ malt liquor, wine or spirits to be served at the event may provide
43 serving assistance.

1 **Sec. 183. 28-A MRSA §1072, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §96, is
2 further amended to read:

3 **2. Requirements.** Except as provided in subsection 3, for at least one year
4 immediately before filing the application for a license, a club must have:

- 5 A. Been in continuous operation and existence;
- 6 B. Regularly occupied as owner or lessee a suitable clubhouse or quarters for use of
7 club members;
- 8 C. Held regular meetings;
- 9 D. Conducted its business through officers regularly elected; and
- 10 E. Charged and collected dues from club members.

11 **Sec. 184. 28-A MRSA §1072, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §99, is
12 further amended to read:

13 **4. Register of club members.** Every club shall keep and maintain a register of the
14 name, identity and address of each ~~member of the club~~ member. The club shall allow any
15 liquor enforcement officer or other authorized agent of the bureau to inspect the register at
16 any reasonable time.

17 **Sec. 185. 28-A MRSA §1072, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 44, §1, is further
18 amended to read:

19 **5. Sale of liquor only to club members and guests; exception.** Except as provided
20 in paragraph A or B, licensed clubs may not sell liquor to anyone except club members and
21 their guests accompanying them.

22 A. Licensed veterans' and fraternal organizations and social clubs may sell liquor to
23 members of the same national or affiliated international organization and to members
24 of auxiliaries of the same national or affiliated international organization and their
25 guests accompanying them.

26 B. At the discretion of and by agreement with the bureau, a licensed veterans'
27 organization may, subject to time-of-day and seasonal limitations defined at the time
28 of license approval, sell liquor to the ~~general~~ public if the organization has a valid
29 license and is located on an island off the coast of the State that is provided with ferry
30 service pursuant to Title 23, Part 6 and Title 35-A, chapter 51. When a licensed
31 veterans' organization sells liquor to the ~~general~~ public pursuant to this paragraph, the
32 premises at which the liquor is sold are deemed a public place for purposes of Title 22,
33 chapter 262 during the time the ~~general~~ public is invited or allowed to be present, and
34 smoking, as defined in Title 22, section 1541, subsection 6, is prohibited during that
35 time.

36 **Sec. 186. 28-A MRSA §1072, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
37 amended to read:

38 **6. Sales in original containers forbidden.** ~~No~~ A club may not sell spirits in the
39 original container.

40 **Sec. 187. 28-A MRSA §1073**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §20, is further
41 amended to read:

1 **§1073. Indoor racquet ~~elubs~~ centers; ice skating ~~elubs~~ centers; golf courses; curling**
2 **~~elubs~~ centers; and bowling-centers disc golf courses**

3 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale
4 of spirits, wine and malt liquor ~~to be consumed on the premises for on-premises~~
5 consumption to bowling-centers, curling ~~elubs~~ centers, disc golf courses, golf courses,
6 indoor ice skating ~~elubs~~ centers and indoor racquet ~~elubs~~ centers as defined in section 2,
7 subsection 15, paragraphs ~~B-1, D-1, F-1,~~ G, J and K, respectively.

8 **2. Food availability.** ~~The A licensee under this section shall offer food for sale to the~~
9 ~~public at all times that liquor is for sale. For bowling-centers, at least 10% of the gross~~
10 ~~annual income, not including income from the bowling business, must be from the sale of~~
11 ~~food.~~

12 **3. Separate area for sale of food and liquor.** ~~The A licensee under this section shall~~
13 ~~set aside a separate area for the sale and consumption of food and liquor in accordance with~~
14 ~~the rules of the bureau. For bowling-centers, that separate area may not include the area in~~
15 ~~which the game of bowling is conducted.~~

16 **Sec. 188. 28-A MRSA §1073-A** is enacted to read:

17 **§1073-A. Bowling centers**

18 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue a license under this section for the sale
19 of spirits, wine and malt liquor for on-premises consumption to a bowling center as defined
20 in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph B-1.

21 **2. Separate area for sale of food and liquor.** A licensee under this section shall set
22 aside a separate area for the sale and consumption of food and liquor in accordance with
23 the rules of the bureau. The separate area may not include the area in which the game of
24 bowling is conducted.

25 **3. Income from sale of food requirement.** At least 10% of the gross annual income
26 of a bowling center licensed under this section, not including income from the bowling
27 business, must be from the sale of food.

28 **4. Bureau to determine whether new applicant would probably meet sale of food**
29 **requirement.** The bureau may not issue an initial license to a bowling center unless it
30 determines that the applicant would probably meet the requirements of subsection 3.

31 **5. Proof of compliance with sale of food requirement for license renewal.** The
32 bureau may not renew a bowling center's license under this section unless the licensee
33 furnishes the bureau with proof that the previous year's business met the requirements of
34 subsection 3. If the bureau determines that the licensee has not satisfied the requirements
35 of subsection 3, the bureau may renew the license for only one year, during which the
36 licensee must meet the requirements of subsection 3 to be eligible for further license
37 renewal.

38 **Sec. 189. 28-A MRSA §1074,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §101, is further
39 amended to read:

40 **§1074. Outdoor stadiums**

41 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses a license under this section for
42 the sale of ~~wine and malt liquor to be consumed on the premises and wine for on-premises~~

1 consumption to an outdoor stadium stadium, as defined in section 2, subsection 15,
2 paragraph M. A concessionaire or lessee may be issued a license under this section,
3 regardless of whether it controls the premises, as long as that concessionaire or lessee
4 complies with the notice provisions applicable to qualified catering services in section
5 1076, subsection 7 prior to exercising the license.

6 **2. No sales at events for children.** The A licensee under this section may not sell any
7 malt liquor or wine at an outdoor stadium at any event primarily involving primary or
8 secondary school children schoolchildren.

9 **3. Conditions on sales.** The A licensee under this section may not sell malt liquor or
10 wine in the spectator stands at an outdoor stadium. ~~Liquor may be sold~~ A licensee may sell
11 malt liquor or wine only by the glass in plastic or paper cups.

12 **Sec. 190. 28-A MRSA §1075**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 17, §8, is repealed and
13 the following enacted in its place:

14 **§1075. Auxiliary licenses**

15 **1. Issuance of licenses.** Pursuant to section 1012, subsection 2 and subject to the
16 requirements of subsection 1-A, the bureau may issue one auxiliary license under this
17 section for the sale of spirits, wine or malt liquor for on-premises consumption at one
18 additional premises to:

19 A. A Class A restaurant located at, a Class A restaurant/lounge located at, a Class A
20 lounge located at or a hotel with a Class I license located at a ski area, golf course or
21 disc golf course; or

22 A-1. A golf course with a Class I license or a club with a Class I or Class V license
23 located at a golf course or disc golf course.

24 **1-A. Qualifications.** To qualify for an auxiliary license under this section:

25 A. The additional premises that will be subject to the auxiliary license must be located
26 at the same ski area, golf course or disc golf course as the licensee's current Class A
27 restaurant, Class A restaurant/lounge, Class A lounge, hotel, golf course or club;

28 B. The additional premises must offer food for sale to the public, although the food
29 need not be prepared at the additional premises; and

30 C. The additional premises must be properly equipped, including with tables, chairs
31 and restrooms.

32 **2. Sales for consumption on slopes or courses prohibited.** A licensee under this
33 section may not sell liquor at a ski area for consumption on the slopes away from the
34 licensed area. Except as provided in section 1075-A, a licensee under this section may not
35 sell liquor at a golf course or disc golf course for consumption on the course away from the
36 licensed area.

37 **Sec. 191. 28-A MRSA §1075-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 167, §22, is
38 further amended to read:

39 **2. License.** The bureau may issue a license for a mobile service bar to a licensee ~~who~~
40 that owns a golf course or disc golf course or may issue a license for a mobile service bar
41 to a licensee that is a Class A restaurant located at, a Class A restaurant/lounge located at

1 or ~~Class I~~ a hotel with a Class I license located at a golf course or disc golf course. The
2 licensee shall ensure that:

3 A. All individuals selling, serving or dispensing liquor from a mobile service bar are
4 employees of the golf course or disc golf course, except as provided in subsection 2-A;

5 B. The licensee does not possess or permit possession, sale or consumption of any
6 liquor on the golf course or disc golf course other than that which is permitted and
7 purchased by the licensee in accordance with the license or licenses granted;

8 C. A sufficient number of employees are deployed to adequately control and ensure
9 adherence to laws applying to the serving, sale and consumption of liquor on the golf
10 course or disc golf course;

11 D. Service or consumption of any liquor is not allowed in parking lots except as
12 otherwise provided in this chapter;

13 E. A licensee or licensee's employees do not allow patrons to leave the golf course or
14 disc golf course with any liquor;

15 F. Only one standard serving of liquor is served to ~~an individual~~ a patron at a time;

16 G. Signs are posted that state that a patron may not bring liquor onto the premises of
17 the golf course or disc golf course;

18 H. Signs are placed on the mobile service bar that state that service or consumption of
19 any liquor by a person under 21 years of age is prohibited;

20 I. Liquor from a mobile service bar is purchased and consumed only by those patrons
21 engaged in a round of golf or disc golf;

22 J. The operator of a mobile service bar is at least 21 years of age and has successfully
23 completed an alcohol server education course; and

24 K. The operator of a mobile service bar has the ability and necessary tools to
25 immediately contact a golf course or disc golf course employee working at the part of
26 the golf course or disc golf course licensed as an on-premises establishment or an
27 employee of a Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge operating under a
28 contract with a municipal golf course or disc golf course for assistance in enforcing the
29 provisions of this section.

30 **Sec. 192. 28-A MRSA §1075-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 17, §9, is
31 further amended to read:

32 **3. Penalty Bringing liquor to course prohibited; penalty.** A person who brings
33 ~~alcoholic beverages~~ liquor onto the premises of a golf course or disc golf course commits
34 a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,500 may be
35 adjudged.

36 **Sec. 193. 28-A MRSA §1075-A, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c.
37 108, §5, is amended to read:

38 **4. Revocation and suspension of license.** A licensee ~~who holds a license issued by~~
39 ~~the bureau~~ under this section and that commits a violation of law or rule for which that
40 license may be revoked or suspended may also be subject to the revocation or suspension

1 ~~of any other licenses that that licensee holds to sell liquor for on-premises consumption are~~
2 ~~subject to chapter 33 to the same extent as are other on-premises licensees.~~

3 **Sec. 194. 28-A MRSA §1075-A, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 17, §9, is
4 further amended to read:

5 **5. Transportation of open containers prohibited.** A patron of a golf course or disc
6 golf course licensed under this section who operates a golf cart is prohibited from
7 transporting an open container of liquor across a public way ~~as defined by~~. For the purposes
8 of this subsection, "public way" has the same meaning as in Title 29-A, section 2112-A,
9 subsection 1, paragraph D.

10 **Sec. 195. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. ZZ,
11 §20, is further amended to read:

12 **2. Compliance with local option decisions.** The bureau may license only those
13 qualified catering services whose principal ~~placæ~~ places of business is are located in
14 municipalities that have previously voted affirmatively on questions pertaining to ~~on-~~
15 ~~premise~~ on-premises sales as provided in chapter 5 or whose principal places of business
16 are located in unincorporated places in which on-premises sales are authorized as provided
17 in chapter 5.

18 A. Every event catered by the qualified catering service must also be located in a
19 municipality that has previously voted affirmatively on questions pertaining to ~~on-~~
20 ~~premise~~ on-premises sales as provided in chapter 5 or in an unincorporated place in
21 which on-premises sales have been authorized as provided in chapter 5.

22 **Sec. 196. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. ZZ,
23 §20, is further amended to read:

24 **3. Income from sale of food requirement.** At least a minimum amount of gross
25 annual income of a qualified catering service licensed under this section, not including
26 income from the sale of food placed in vending machines, must be from the sale of food
27 for each qualified catering service. The income from sale of food requirement is based on
28 the population of the municipality in which the qualified catering service is located. For
29 purposes of this section, "year-round" means operated for more than 6 months in a year.

30 A. In municipalities having a population of over 50,000 persons:

31 (1) Year-round qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
32 \$50,000 a year from the sale of food to the public; and

33 (2) Part-time qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of:

34 (a) Thirty thousand dollars from the sale of food to the public if the catering
35 service operates for more than 3 months but no more than 6 months in a year;
36 and

37 (b) Twenty thousand dollars from the sale of food to the public if the catering
38 service operates for no more than 3 months in a year.

39 B. In municipalities having a population of 30,001 to 50,000 persons:

40 (1) Year-round qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
41 \$40,000 a year from the sale of food to the public; and

- 1 (2) Part-time qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of:
 2 (a) Twenty-five thousand dollars from the sale of food to the public if the
 3 catering service operates for more than 3 months but no more than 6 months
 4 in a year; and
 5 (b) Twenty thousand dollars from the sale of food to the public if the catering
 6 service operates for no more than 3 months in a year.
- 7 C. In municipalities having a population of 20,001 to 30,000 persons:
 8 (1) Year-round qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
 9 \$30,000 a year from the sale of food to the public; and
 10 (2) Part-time qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
 11 ~~\$20,000 from the sale of food to the public if the catering service operates for more~~
 12 ~~than 3 months but no more than 6 months in a year.;~~
 13 (a) Twenty thousand dollars from the sale of food to the public if the catering
 14 service operates for more than 3 months but no more than 6 months in a year;
 15 and
 16 (b) Ten thousand dollars from the sale of food to the public if the catering
 17 service operates for no more than 3 months in a year.
- 18 D. In municipalities having a population of 7,501 to 20,000 persons:
 19 (1) Year-round qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
 20 \$15,000 a year from the sale of food to the public; and
 21 (2) Part-time qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
 22 \$10,000 from the sale of food to the public if the catering service operates for no
 23 more than 6 months in a year.
- 24 E. In unincorporated places and in municipalities having a population of 7,500 persons
 25 or less:
 26 (1) Year-round qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
 27 \$5,000 a year from the sale of food to the public; and
 28 (2) Part-time qualified catering services must have a minimum gross income of
 29 \$2,500 from the sale of food to the public if the catering service operates for no
 30 more than 6 months in a year.

31 **Sec. 197. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. ZZ,
 32 §20, is further amended to read:

33 **4. Bureau determines to determine whether new applicant would probably**
 34 **qualify meet sale of food requirement.** The bureau may not issue ~~the~~ an initial license ~~if~~
 35 to a qualified catering service unless it determines that the applicant ~~for a new license~~ would
 36 probably qualify meet the requirements of subsection 3.

37 **Sec. 198. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. ZZ,
 38 §20, is further amended to read:

39 **5. ~~Licensee for renewal must show proof of meeting income~~ Proof of compliance**
 40 **with sale of food requirement for license renewal.** The bureau may not renew ~~any a~~
 41 qualified catering service's license ~~for the sale of liquor under this section unless the~~

1 licensee furnishes the bureau with proof that the previous year's business ~~conformed to the~~
2 ~~income met the requirements of this section~~ subsection 3. If the bureau determines that the
3 licensee has not satisfied the requirements of subsection 3, it may renew the license for
4 only one year, during which the licensee must meet the requirements of subsection 3 to be
5 eligible for further license renewal.

6 **Sec. 199. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
7 repealed.

8 **Sec. 200. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§10, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 530, §1, is
9 amended to read:

10 B. The primary business of the licensee does not involve serving ~~alcoholic beverages~~
11 liquor on a day-to-day basis at self-sponsored events;

12 **Sec. 201. 28-A MRSA §1077**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 74, §5, is further amended
13 to read:

14 **§1077. Public service corporations: ~~Vessel, railroad and airline corporations~~**

15 **1. Licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale of spirits,
16 wine and malt liquor by ~~vessel, railroad and airline corporations~~ vessel corporations,
17 railroad corporations and airline corporations in their ~~boats, cars~~ vessels, passenger cars,
18 dining cars and aircraft.

19 **2. ~~Vessels~~ Vessel corporations.** The requirements and conditions for licenses for
20 ~~vessels~~ vessel corporations are as follows.

21 A. The bureau may not require that the vessels operated by vessel corporations be
22 equipped to supply food or provide food service.

23 B. Except as provided in subparagraph (1), licenses issued under this section to vessel
24 ~~companies~~ corporations operating ~~boats within the State~~ vessels on coastal waters
25 authorize the licensees to sell liquor ~~in the boats~~ on board those vessels after leaving
26 and before reaching ports ~~within the State and~~ licenses on coastal waters. Except as
27 provided in subparagraph (1), licenses issued under this section to ~~commercial~~ vessel
28 ~~companies~~ corporations operating ~~boats~~ vessels on inland waters within the State
29 authorize the licensees to sell liquor on board ~~the boat~~ those vessels after leaving and
30 before reaching docks on inland waters within the State.

31 (1) A licensee may sell liquor for consumption on board a vessel that is in port or
32 docked; only if prior approval for the sale is obtained from the bureau under the
33 license application procedure in section 653. A separate approval must be obtained
34 for each port or dock location from which on-board sales of liquor are to be made.

35 C. A vessel corporation licensed to sell liquor under this section may sell liquor on
36 Sundays only between the hours of 5 a.m. and 1 a.m. the following day on board vessels
37 operating on inland waters ~~and when operated within the 3-mile limit~~ or on coastal
38 waters.

39 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 121 and 122, a vessel ~~on inland waters~~
40 corporation licensed under this section may sell liquor on board vessels operating on
41 inland waters without approval of the municipal officers or, in the case of
42 unincorporated places, the county commissioners.

1 For purposes of this subsection, "coastal waters" has the same meaning as in Title 12,
2 section 6001, subsection 6.

3 **3. Railroad corporations.** The requirements and conditions for licenses for railroad
4 corporations are as follows.

5 A. The license issued to a railroad corporation operating dining cars or passenger cars
6 within the State authorizes the licensee to sell liquor to be consumed in ~~the~~ those dining
7 cars or passenger cars only after leaving and before reaching the terminal stops.

8 **4. Airlines Airline corporations.** The requirements and conditions for licenses for
9 ~~airlines~~ airline corporations are as follows.

10 A. The license issued to an airline corporation operating aircraft within the State
11 authorizes the licensee to sell liquor in ~~the~~ those aircraft to be consumed in the aircraft
12 only after leaving and before reaching airports within the State.

13 **5. License sufficient throughout the State.** One license issued under this section is
14 sufficient to cover all ~~aircraft, passenger cars or vessels, passenger cars, dining cars or~~
15 aircraft operated by the licensed public service corporation.

16 **Sec. 202. 28-A MRSA §1079**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §104, is repealed.

17 **Sec. 203. 28-A MRSA §1201, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §105, is
18 further amended to read:

19 **1. Licenses for sale of malt liquor and ~~table~~ wine.** The bureau may issue licenses
20 under this section for the sale and distribution of malt liquor or wine to ~~off-premise off-~~
21 premises retail licensees, as defined in section 2, subsection 27, paragraph A.

22 **Sec. 204. 28-A MRSA §1201, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c.
23 342, §103, is amended to read:

24 **6. Stock of groceries or compatible merchandise required.** All ~~off-premise off-~~
25 premises retail licensees must have and maintain:

26 A. An adequate stock of groceries fit for human consumption of at least \$1,000
27 wholesale value;

28 B. A stock of merchandise reasonably compatible with a stock of malt liquor or wine
29 of at least \$1,000 wholesale value; or

30 C. A combination of both groceries fit for human consumption and compatible
31 merchandise of at least \$1,000 wholesale value.

32 **Sec. 205. 28-A MRSA §1201, sub-§7, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 193, §1, is
33 further amended to read:

34 A. Includes:

35 (1) Tobacco products;

36 (2) Newspapers;

37 (3) Greeting cards;

38 (4) Paper products;

39 (5) Cut flowers and potted flowers;

1 (5-A) Glasses, stemware, china and devices designed to open containers of wine
2 and ~~beer~~ malt liquor;

3 (6) A stock of foodstuffs and other consumable products used on the premises in
4 the preparation of food for on-premises or off-premises consumption ~~on or off the~~
5 premises; and

6 (7) Other items equally compatible with a stock of malt liquor or wine; and

7 **Sec. 206. 28-A MRSA §1202**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §108, is further
8 amended to read:

9 **§1202. Payment for sales in off-premise retailers Employment of minors**

10 **1. Employees under 17.** ~~No~~ An employee under 17 years of age may not accept
11 payment for the sale of malt liquor or wine at the check-out counter of an ~~off-premise~~ off-
12 premises retail licensee's establishment.

13 **2. Employees who are 17.** An employee who is at least 17 years of age but less than
14 21 years of age may accept payment only in the presence of an employee who is at least 21
15 years of age and is in a supervisory capacity.

16 **Sec. 207. 28-A MRSA §1204, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §109, is
17 further amended to read:

18 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale
19 of malt liquor and table wine ~~to be consumed off the premises~~ for off-premises consumption
20 to ship chandlers, as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph S.

21 **Sec. 208. 28-A MRSA §1204, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 342, §106, is
22 amended to read:

23 **3. Exception to ~~off-premise~~ off-premises retail licensee requirements.**
24 Notwithstanding section 1201, a licensed ship chandler is not required to have or maintain
25 a stock of groceries, compatible merchandise or combination of both.

26 **Sec. 209. 28-A MRS §1205, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §2, is further
27 amended to read:

28 **1. Taste testing on off-premises retail licensee's premises.** Subject to the conditions
29 in subsections 2 and 2-A, the bureau may authorize an off-premises retail licensee stocking
30 at least 100 different wine labels to conduct taste testing of wine on that licensee's premises.
31 ~~Any~~ Except as provided in section 1206, an off-premises retail licensee may not allow any
32 other consumption of liquor on an the off-premises retail licensee's premises is prohibited,
33 except as permitted under section 460, 1207, 1208, 1402-A or 1504.

34 **Sec. 210. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶L**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V,
35 §42, is further amended to read:

36 L. Prior to a taste-testing event, the retail licensee shall post prominently at the entrance
37 to the store a sign that announces the date and time of the event; ~~and~~

38 **Sec. 211. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶M**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §2, is
39 further amended to read:

40 M. An off-premises retail licensee, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct
41 an invitation-only taste-testing event at the off-premises retail licensee's premises in

1 place of or to coincide with a taste-testing event that is open to the public. A taste-
2 testing event that is exclusively invitation only is not subject to the posting requirement
3 in paragraph L-; and

4 **Sec. 212. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶N** is enacted to read:

5 N. Wine may be poured for the taste-testing event only by the owner or an employee
6 of the off-premises retail licensee, by a sales representative licensed under section 1502
7 or, if the manufacturer of the wine being poured is licensed under section 1355-A, by
8 the manufacturer or an employee of the manufacturer.

9 **Sec. 213. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 79, §2, is
10 repealed.

11 **Sec. 214. 28-A MRSA §1206**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 629, §20, is further
12 amended to read:

13 **§1206. Consumption prohibited on off-premises retail licensee's premises**

14 ~~A person may not consume liquor on the premises of an off-premise retail licensee~~
15 ~~licensed under this chapter except~~ Except as provided in sections 460, 1205, 1207, 1208,
16 1402-A and 1504, an off-premises retail licensee may not permit a person to consume
17 liquor on the off-premises retail licensee's premises.

18 **Sec. 215. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §3, is further
19 amended to read:

20 **1. Taste testing on off-premises retail licensee's premises.** Subject to the conditions
21 in subsections 2 and 2-A, the bureau may authorize an off-premises retail licensee stocking
22 at least 100 different labels of malt liquor to conduct taste testing of malt liquor on that
23 licensee's premises. ~~Any~~ Except as provided in section 1206, an off-premises retail licensee
24 may not allow any other consumption of liquor on an the off-premises retail licensee's
25 premises is prohibited, except as permitted under section 460, 1205, 1208, 1402-A or 1504.

26 **Sec. 216. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶N** is enacted to read:

27 N. Malt liquor may be poured for the taste-testing event only by the owner or an
28 employee of the off-premises retail licensee, by a sales representative licensed under
29 section 1502 or, if the manufacturer of the malt liquor being poured is licensed under
30 section 1355-A, by the manufacturer or an employee of the manufacturer.

31 **Sec. 217. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 79, §3, is
32 repealed.

33 **Sec. 218. 28-A MRSA §1208, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 559, §2, is
34 further amended to read:

35 C. Wine may be served only if a full meal is available for purchase and consumption
36 on the premises. For the purposes of this paragraph, "full meal" means a diversified
37 selection of food that cannot ordinarily be consumed without the use of tableware and
38 cannot be conveniently consumed while standing or walking; and

39 **Sec. 219. 28-A MRSA §1208, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 559, §3, is
40 further amended to read:

1 D. ~~Patrons~~ A licensee under this section may not permit a patron of the establishment
2 may not to consume any alcoholic beverage liquor on the premises unless it is served
3 in accordance with this section by the licensee or an employee of the licensee other
4 than wine served in accordance with the requirements of this section.

5 **Sec. 220. 28-A MRSA §1209, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 366, §1, is
6 amended to read:

7 **6. Beverage container deposit.** A container of privately held wine auctioned under
8 this section must comply with the provisions of Title ~~32~~ 38, chapter ~~28~~ 33.

9 **Sec. 221. 28-A MRSA §1355-A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 665, §11, is further
10 amended to read:

11 **§1355-A. Manufacturer licenses**

12 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section to breweries,
13 small breweries, wineries, small wineries, distilleries ~~and~~, small distilleries, bottlers and
14 rectifiers in the State that operate under federal law and federal supervision.

15 **1-A. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "manufacturing facility" means the
16 premises of a brewery, small brewery, winery, small winery, distillery or small distillery
17 licensed under this section where liquor products are produced.

18 **1-B. Bottlers and rectifiers.** A bottler or rectifier licensed under this section may
19 permit sampling of a liquor product bottled or rectified by that licensee on the premises
20 where it is bottled or rectified:

21 A. By employees for the purpose of quality control of the product; and

22 B. By wholesalers for the purpose of determining whether to carry the product as a
23 wholesale product if the licensee pays the excise tax on the product sampled according
24 to section 1652.

25 **2. Manufacturers other than bottlers and rectifiers.** The following provisions
26 apply to brewery, small brewery, winery, small winery, distillery and small distillery
27 licenses.

28 A. A licensee governed by this subsection may permit sampling of the a liquor product
29 produced by that licensee on the premises where the liquor product is produced:

30 (1) By employees for the purpose of quality control of the product; and

31 (2) By wholesalers for the purpose of determining whether to carry the product as
32 a wholesale product if the ~~holder of the license~~ licensee pays the excise tax on the
33 product sampled according to section 1652; ~~and~~.

34 (3) ~~By the public if the holder of the license pays the excise tax on the product~~
35 ~~sampled according to section 1652.~~

36 B. A licensee ~~under this section~~ governed by this subsection may serve to the public
37 complimentary samples of liquor produced by the licensee at the ~~licensed premises~~
38 manufacturing facility where that liquor is produced by the licensee under the
39 conditions specified in this paragraph.

40 (1) The licensee may sell samples to the public or offer samples to the public at
41 no cost.

- 1 (2) The licensee shall pay the excise tax, if any, according to section 1652 on all
2 samples served to the public under this paragraph. If a sample is sold by the
3 licensee, it is also subject to the sales tax on liquor under Title 36, section 1811.
- 4 (3) The licensee shall maintain a record of all samples the licensee sells under this
5 paragraph and shall maintain those records for a period of 2 years.
- 6 (4) The licensee may serve samples to the public under this paragraph only during
7 the hours of legal sale set forth in section 4.
- 8 (5) The area of the licensed premises where the licensee serves samples to the
9 public under this paragraph is not required to be separate from and may be accessed
10 by the same entrance as the area licensed for on-premises consumption of liquor
11 under chapter 43 in accordance with paragraph I.
- 12 (6) Spirits samples served to the public under this paragraph by a distillery must
13 first be sold to the State, subject to the listing, pricing and distribution provisions
14 of this Title. Spirits samples served to the public under this paragraph by a small
15 distillery are subject to the requirements of subsection 5, paragraph H.
- 16 (7) The licensee may not serve samples to minors or visibly intoxicated persons.
- 17 ~~C. A licensee under this section may sell to nonlicensees during regular business hours~~
18 ~~from the licensed premises where liquor is produced by the licensee liquor produced~~
19 ~~by the bottle, by the case or in bulk for consumption off the licensed premises. Spirits~~
20 ~~sold by distillers in accordance with this paragraph must be first sold to the State,~~
21 ~~subject to the listing, pricing and distribution provisions of this Title.~~
- 22 ~~D. A licensee under this section governed by this subsection may sell for off-premises~~
23 ~~consumption liquor produced by the licensee from the licensed premises manufacturing~~
24 ~~facility where liquor is produced by the licensee liquor produced by the licensee for~~
25 ~~consumption off the licensed premises under the conditions specified in this paragraph.~~
- 26 (1) Sales made in accordance with this paragraph do not require a the licensee
27 ~~under this section~~ to obtain an additional retail license under chapter 45.
- 28 (2) Liquor sold in accordance with this paragraph may not be consumed anywhere
29 on the licensed premises.
- 30 (3) The area of the licensed premises where a the licensee opts to transact sales for
31 off-premises consumption is not required to be separate from and may be accessed
32 by the same entrance ~~for~~ as the area licensed for on-premises consumption of liquor
33 under chapter 43 in accordance with paragraph I.
- 34 (4) Sales under this paragraph may be made only during the hours of legal sale as
35 provided in section 4.
- 36 (5) Spirits sold by a distillery must first be sold to the State, subject to the listing,
37 pricing and distribution provisions of this Title. Spirits sold by a small distillery
38 are subject to the requirements of subsection 5, paragraph G.
- 39 (6) Except as provided in subsection 3, paragraphs C and C-1, sales may be made
40 only by the bottle, by the case or in bulk.
- 41 ~~E. A licensee may serve complimentary samples of liquor on Sunday after the hour of~~
42 ~~5 a.m. and may sell liquor on Sunday after the hour of 5 a.m. if the municipality in~~

1 which the licensed premises is located has authorized the sale of liquor on Sunday for
2 consumption off the premises under chapter 5.

3 F. A licensee may charge for samples or shall otherwise comply with the conditions
4 in paragraph E. Each sample poured is subject to a charge in an amount determined by
5 the licensee and is subject to the sales tax on liquor under Title 36, section 1811. A
6 licensee shall maintain a record of liquor samples subject to a charge and maintain
7 those records for a period of 2 years.

8 G. A licensee that is a brewery or small brewery may sell on the premises during
9 regular business hours and within the hours of legal sale to nonlicensees liquor
10 produced at the licensed premises. The volume of the package may not exceed 15.5
11 gallons and must be consumed off the premises. The sale of packages described in this
12 paragraph must comply with keg tagging requirements provided in section 714. Each
13 licensee shall submit a monthly report to its wholesaler detailing sales made directly
14 from the premises. The wholesaler shall calculate the fees for any bottle deposit and
15 submit an invoice to the licensee for expenses associated with the requirements
16 prescribed in Title 38, chapter 33 including the retailer handling fee, state container
17 deposit and a mutually agreed-upon pick-up fee.

18 H. A small winery or small brewery licensee shall keep and maintain complete records
19 on all sales to a retail licensee.

20 I. A licensee governed by this subsection may be issued one on-premises retail license
21 under chapter 43 per licensed location, ~~on the premises of the licensed location or at~~
22 ~~another location,~~ for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises at the retail
23 premises if the same person or persons hold a controlling interest in both the licensed
24 manufacturing location and the licensed retail establishment manufacturing facility
25 under the conditions specified in this paragraph.

26 (1-A) The on-premises retail license issued under chapter 43 may be for retail
27 activities located at the manufacturing facility or for retail activities at another
28 location if the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both
29 the manufacturing facility and the premises licensed under chapter 43.

30 (2) The retail license issued under chapter 43 authorizes the sale for on-premises
31 consumption of products of produced at the brewery, small brewery, winery, small
32 winery, distillery or small distillery, in addition to manufacturing facility as well
33 as other liquor permitted to be sold under the applicable class of the retail license,
34 to be consumed on the premises.

35 (2-A) Liquor sold under a chapter 43 retail license operated on the premises of a
36 location licensed under this section issued under chapter 43 on the premises of the
37 manufacturing facility may not be consumed on any part of the premises where
38 patrons are not generally permitted.

39 (3) All records related to activities under a manufacturer the authority of the
40 manufacturing facility's license issued under this section must be kept separate
41 from records related to activities under the authority of the retail license issued
42 under chapter 43. Income from the sale of liquor under paragraph B or D by a
43 manufacturing facility that is located on the same premises as the retail license
44 issued under chapter 43 is not included in calculating whether that retail licensee

1 satisfies any applicable income from the sale of food requirement set forth in
2 chapter 43.

3 ~~(4) A distillery or small distillery must meet the requirements of subsection 5,~~
4 ~~paragraphs D and E~~ Spirits sold under the authority of the retail license issued
5 under chapter 43 to the holder of a distillery license must first be sold to the State,
6 subject to the listing, pricing and distribution provisions of this Title. Spirits sold
7 under the authority of the retail license issued under chapter 43 to the holder of a
8 small distillery license are subject to the requirements of subsection 5, paragraph
9 H.

10 ~~(4-A) A person issued a retail license issued under chapter 43 for premises other~~
11 ~~than the licensed manufacturing facility may sell liquor for off-premises~~
12 ~~consumption under the conditions stated in paragraph D.~~

13 (5) The licensee shall ensure that products purchased for off-premises
14 consumption under paragraph D are not consumed on the ~~licensed premises of the~~
15 manufacturing facility or the retail license issued under chapter 43, if that retail
16 license authorizes retail activities at another location.

17 J. A licensee governed by this subsection may display up to 25 bottles of liquor
18 produced by the licensee in a window of the a location under paragraph D where liquor
19 is sold for consumption off the licensed premises. Locations licensed under subsection
20 4, paragraph B, subparagraph (2) or subsection 5, paragraph B, subparagraph (3) may
21 also display up to 25 bottles of liquor produced by the licensee where the licensee is
22 authorized by this section to sell its products for on-premises consumption or for off-
23 premises consumption.

24 K. ~~For the purposes of selling liquor for on-premises and off-premises consumption,~~
25 ~~a licensee who operates more than one facility licensed for the manufacture of liquor~~
26 ~~under this section may~~ A licensee governed by this subsection may transport liquor
27 produced at the licensed manufacturing facility in bulk or packaged in kegs, bottles or
28 cans, including by the case, to:

29 (1) ~~Transfer product produced by the licensee in bulk or packaged in kegs, bottles~~
30 ~~or cans, including by the case, at one facility licensed for the manufacture of liquor~~
31 ~~to another~~ Another manufacturing facility at which the licensee is licensed to
32 manufacture liquor or to any location where the licensee: licensed under this
33 section if the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in both of
34 the licensed manufacturing facilities; and

35 (a) ~~Serves samples of the manufacturer's product in accordance with~~
36 ~~subsection 2, paragraphs E and F; and~~

37 (b) ~~Is authorized under this section to sell the manufacturer's product to~~
38 ~~nonlicensees for off-premises consumption; and~~

39 (2) ~~Transfer product produced by the licensee in bulk or packaged in kegs, bottles~~
40 ~~or cans, including by the case, from a facility at which the licensee is licensed to~~
41 ~~manufacture liquor to any~~ An establishment licensed for on-premises consumption
42 under chapter 43 retail sales operated by the licensee as authorized under paragraph
43 I; subsection 4, paragraph B, subparagraph (2); or subsection 5, paragraph B,
44 subparagraph (3) as long as the same person or persons hold a majority ownership

1 interest in both the licensed manufacturing facility and the licensed retail
2 establishment.

3 ~~If the same person or persons hold a majority ownership interest of greater than 50%~~
4 ~~in more than one facility licensed for the manufacture of liquor under this section, the~~
5 ~~person or persons are considered one licensee for the purpose of transferring liquor as~~
6 ~~authorized by this paragraph.~~

7 **2-B. Grandfathering of certain licenses issued prior to January 1, 2018.** The
8 bureau may not suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license issued under this section or
9 chapter 43 or 45 that was initially issued prior to January 1, 2018 solely on the basis that:

10 A. The establishment licensed under chapter 43 or 45 was determined by the bureau
11 after the license was issued to not be exclusively held or exclusively owned by a person
12 licensed to manufacture liquor under this section; or

13 B. The licensee is in violation of section 707, subsection 2, 3-A or 5-A, if the violation
14 existed in the same manner at the time the license was initially issued or at the time the
15 license was renewed.

16 The prohibition described in this subsection does not apply if the reason for suspension,
17 revocation or refusal to renew is due to the licensee's substantial misrepresentation of or
18 failure to disclose material facts required for the issuance or renewal of the license.

19 **3. Breweries; small breweries.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
20 following provisions apply to breweries and small breweries.

21 A. A holder of a brewery license may produce more than 30,000 barrels of malt liquor
22 per year.

23 B. A holder of a small brewery license may produce up to 30,000 barrels of malt liquor
24 per year.

25 (1) Upon application by a holder of a small brewery license that has produced malt
26 liquor in an amount that exceeds 30,000 barrels in one year, the bureau may renew
27 that holder's small brewery license for only one additional year.

28 (2) A holder of a small brewery license may sell or deliver its products to licensed
29 retailers or wholesalers. The licensee may sell, on the premises for ~~consumption~~
30 ~~off the premises~~ off-premises consumption, malt liquor produced at the licensed
31 premises by the bottle, by the case or in bulk to licensed retailers, including, but
32 not limited to, off-premises retail licensees, restaurants and clubs. Notwithstanding
33 section 1361, the holder of a small brewery license may sell its products directly
34 to a retail licensee under this paragraph without selling to a wholesale licensee. A
35 small brewery licensee shall keep and maintain complete records on all sales to a
36 retail licensee.

37 C. Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of this Title to the contrary, a an on-premises
38 retail license issued under chapter 43 pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph I to the holder
39 of a brewery or small brewery licensed in accordance with this section may sell from
40 the establishment at the site of the brewery licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages
41 to be consumed on the premises license authorizes the sale of malt liquor to be
42 consumed off the premises in prefilled, refillable bottles for off-premises consumption
43 under the conditions specified in this paragraph.

- 1 (1) Only malt liquor brewed at the brewery ~~where the on-premises establishment~~
2 ~~is licensed~~ or small brewery associated with the on-premises retail license issued
3 under chapter 43 may be sold ~~at the on-premises establishment~~ under this
4 paragraph.
- 5 (2) Malt liquor must be dispensed in bottles provided by and with labels unique to
6 the brewery or small brewery of 32 to 64 ounces in volume.
- 7 (3) No more than 6 bottles may be prefilled at any one time.
- 8 (4) A deposit may be charged per bottle. Bottles sold under this paragraph are not
9 subject to Title 38, chapter 33.
- 10 (5) The bottle in which the malt liquor is dispensed must be sealed by the licensee
11 with a seal that is tamper-evident.
- 12 (6) Malt liquor dispensed in accordance with this paragraph must be consumed off
13 the premises.
- 14 (7) All sales of malt liquor ~~from the on-premises establishment for off-premises~~
15 ~~consumption~~ under this paragraph must be accompanied by a sales receipt with a
16 time stamp that indicates time of purchase.
- 17 (8) ~~Sale of malt liquor from the on-premises establishment for off-premises~~
18 ~~consumption may not be made~~ Malt liquor may not be sold pursuant to this
19 paragraph after 10:00 p.m.
- 20 The bureau may adopt rules to enforce this paragraph. Rules adopted in accordance
21 with this paragraph are routine technical rules ~~in accordance with~~ as defined in Title 5,
22 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
- 23 C-1. A holder of a brewery or small brewery license may sell for off-premises
24 consumption kegs of malt liquor produced by the licensee under the conditions
25 specified in this paragraph.
- 26 (1) Only malt liquor brewed at the brewery or small brewery may be sold by the
27 keg, which may not exceed 15.5 gallons in volume and which must comply with
28 the tagging and labeling requirements set forth in section 714.
- 29 (2) Sales under this paragraph may be made only during the hours of legal sale as
30 provided in section 4.
- 31 (3) The brewery or small brewery shall submit a monthly report to its wholesale
32 licensee detailing sales made under this paragraph. The wholesale licensee shall
33 calculate the fees for any bottle deposit and submit an invoice to the licensee for
34 expenses associated with the requirements prescribed in Title 38, chapter 33
35 including the retailer handling fee, state container deposit and a mutually agreed-
36 upon pickup fee.
- 37 D. ~~Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a brewery or small~~
38 ~~brewery licensed in accordance with this section may sell malt liquor to be consumed~~
39 ~~off the premises under the conditions specified in this paragraph if the brewery or small~~
40 ~~brewery is participating in a taste testing event under section 1052-D.~~
- 41 (1) ~~The brewery or small brewery may sell only malt liquor produced in the State~~
42 ~~by that brewery or small brewery.~~

1 ~~(2) A sale of malt liquor in accordance with this paragraph must be accompanied~~
2 ~~by a sales receipt.~~

3 E. A holder of a brewery or small brewery license may produce low-alcohol spirits
4 products containing malt liquor produced by the brewery or small brewery and may
5 import spirits solely for this purpose.

6 (1) If a small brewery license holder produces low-alcohol spirits products
7 pursuant to this paragraph, the combined total of malt liquor and low-alcohol spirits
8 products produced at the small brewery may not exceed 30,000 barrels per year.

9 **4. Wineries; small wineries.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
10 following provisions apply to wineries and small wineries.

11 A. A holder of a winery license may produce more than 50,000 gallons per year of
12 wine that is not hard cider and may produce more than 3,000 barrels per year of wine
13 that is hard cider.

14 B. A holder of a small winery license may produce up to 50,000 gallons per year of
15 wine that is not hard cider and may produce up to 3,000 barrels per year of wine that is
16 hard cider.

17 (1) A holder of a small winery license may sell or deliver its products to licensed
18 retailers or wholesalers. The licensee may sell, on the premises for ~~consumption~~
19 ~~off the premises,~~ off-premises consumption any wine produced at the licensed
20 premises by the bottle, by the case or in bulk to licensed retailers, including, but
21 not limited to, off-premises retail licensees, restaurants and clubs. Notwithstanding
22 section 1361, the licensee may sell its products directly to a retail licensee under
23 this paragraph without selling to a wholesale licensee. A small winery licensee
24 shall keep and maintain complete records on all sales to a retail licensee.

25 (2) A holder of a small winery license, upon application to and approval of the
26 bureau and payment of ~~the a \$50 license fees~~ fee per location, may obtain licenses
27 for off-premises consumption for up to 2 additional locations other than the
28 location of the in-state manufacturer licensed under this section. The holder of the
29 licenses is not required to conduct any bottling or production at the additional
30 licensed locations but may conduct all activities permitted by this section at the
31 additional licensed locations.

32 C. A holder of a winery or small winery license may fortify wine produced by the
33 winery license holder and import spirits solely for this purpose.

34 (1) If a small winery license holder produces fortified wine pursuant to this
35 paragraph, the combined total of ~~wine, sparkling wine and fortified wine~~ all wine,
36 other than hard cider, produced at the small winery may not exceed 50,000 gallons
37 per year.

38 ~~D. Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a winery or small winery~~
39 ~~licensed in accordance with this section may sell wine to be consumed off the premises~~
40 ~~under the conditions specified in this paragraph if the winery or small winery is~~
41 ~~participating in a taste-testing event under section 1052-D.~~

42 ~~(1) The winery or small winery may sell only wine produced in the State by that~~
43 ~~winery or small winery.~~

1 ~~(2) A sale of wine in accordance with this paragraph must be accompanied by a~~
2 ~~sales receipt.~~

3 For purposes of this subsection, "fortified wine" means wine to which spirits have been
4 added as long as the resulting liquor does not exceed 24% alcohol by volume.

5 **5. Distilleries; small distilleries.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
6 following provisions apply to distilleries and small distilleries.

7 A. A holder of a distillery license may distill, rectify, blend and bottle more than
8 50,000 gallons of spirits per year.

9 B. A holder of a small distillery license may distill, rectify, blend and bottle not more
10 than 50,000 gallons of spirits per year.

11 ~~(1) The small distillery off-premises license fee is \$100.~~

12 (2) Upon application by a holder of a small distillery license whose distillery has
13 produced spirits in an amount that exceeds 50,000 gallons in one year, the bureau
14 may renew that holder's small distillery license for only one additional year.

15 (3) A holder of a small distillery license, upon application to and approval of the
16 bureau and payment of ~~the a \$100 license fees~~ fee per location, may obtain licenses
17 for off-premises consumption for up to 2 additional locations other than the
18 location of the in-state manufacturer licensed under this section. The holder of the
19 licenses is not required to conduct any bottling or production at the additional
20 licensed locations but may conduct all activities permitted by this section at the
21 additional licensed locations.

22 C. To be eligible for a distillery or small distillery license, a person must hold a basic
23 permit for distilling, rectifying, blending and bottling spirits from the United States
24 Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

25 D. Spirits ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, spirits~~ produced by a holder of
26 a distillery or small distillery license must be sold to the State and are subject to the
27 listing, pricing and distribution provisions of this Title.

28 ~~E. A holder of a distillery or small distillery license may be issued one license under~~
29 ~~chapter 43 per distillery location for a connected establishment for the sale of liquor to~~
30 ~~be consumed on the premises at the distillery.~~

31 ~~(1) For the purposes of this paragraph, "connected establishment" means a Class~~
32 ~~A restaurant or a Class A restaurant/lounge that is owned by the holder of the in-~~
33 ~~state manufacturer license.~~

34 ~~(2) All records of the manufacturer license must be kept separate from the records~~
35 ~~of the retail licensee.~~

36 ~~F. A distillery or small distillery may provide samples to the public of liquors produced~~
37 ~~by the distillery that have been sold to the State in accordance with paragraph D and~~
38 ~~repurchased by the distillery or small distillery.~~

39 G. Notwithstanding paragraph D, a holder of a small distillery license that sells its
40 products directly to consumers for off-premises consumption under paragraph B,
41 subparagraph (3) or subsection 2, paragraph C, ~~D or E~~ may pay the bureau the
42 difference between the distillery's price charged to the bureau and the discounted retail

1 price charged by the bureau under section 606, subsection 4-B. A small distillery is
2 not required to transport spirits that will be sold for off-premises consumption as
3 described in this paragraph to a warehouse operated by the bureau or by a ~~wholesaler~~
4 ~~contracted by the bureau under section 90~~ wholesale spirits provider. A holder of a
5 small distillery license shall record the quantity of spirits sold for off-premises
6 consumption that were not transported to a warehouse as described in this paragraph
7 and submit monthly reports of this information, along with the full amount of state
8 liquor tax due as prescribed by chapter 65, to the bureau in a manner prescribed by the
9 bureau.

10 H. Notwithstanding paragraph D, a holder of a small distillery license that sells its
11 products or offers complimentary samples of its products directly to consumers for on-
12 premises consumption under ~~paragraph E or~~ subsection 2, paragraph B, ~~E or F~~ I may
13 pay the bureau the difference between the distillery's price charged to the bureau and
14 the discounted retail price charged by the bureau under section 606, subsection 4-B. A
15 small distillery is not required to transport spirits that will be sold for on-premises
16 consumption as described in this paragraph to a warehouse operated by the bureau or
17 by a ~~wholesaler contracted by the bureau under section 90~~ the wholesale spirits
18 provider. A holder of a small distillery license shall record the quantity of spirits sold
19 for on-premises consumption that were not transported to a warehouse as described in
20 this paragraph and submit monthly reports of this information, along with the full
21 amount of state liquor tax due as prescribed by chapter 65, to the bureau in a manner
22 prescribed by the bureau.

23 ~~I. Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a distillery or small~~
24 ~~distillery licensed in accordance with this section may sell spirits to be consumed off~~
25 ~~the premises under the conditions specified in this paragraph if the distillery or small~~
26 ~~distillery is participating in a taste-testing event under section 1052-D.~~

- 27 ~~(1) The distillery or small distillery may sell only spirits produced in the State by~~
28 ~~that distillery or small distillery.~~
- 29 ~~(2) Spirits sold in accordance with this paragraph are subject to the listing, pricing~~
30 ~~and distribution provisions of this Title.~~
- 31 ~~(3) A sale of spirits in accordance with this paragraph must be accompanied by a~~
32 ~~sales receipt.~~

33 J. A holder of a distillery or small distillery license may produce low-alcohol spirits
34 products.

- 35 (1) If a small distillery license holder produces low-alcohol spirits products
36 pursuant to this paragraph, the combined total of spirits and low-alcohol spirits
37 products produced at the small distillery may not exceed 50,000 gallons per year.

38 **6. Tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery.** Except as otherwise provided, the following provisions
39 apply to a tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery license under which the holder of a tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery
40 license may produce malt liquor at the manufacturing facility of another ~~brewer~~ brewery,
41 referred to in this subsection as "~~the a~~ host ~~brewer~~ brewery," licensed by the bureau under
42 subsection 3.

43 A. To be eligible for a tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery license, a person must submit an
44 application to the bureau in a manner prescribed by the bureau and hold a brewer's

1 notice approved by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and
2 Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, that authorizes a tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery to use the
3 facilities and equipment of a host ~~brewer~~ brewery. If the tenant brewery meets the
4 requirements of subsection 3, paragraph B, the application must be accompanied by
5 the license fee set forth in section 1551 for a small brewery. If the tenant brewery does
6 not meet the requirements of subsection 3, paragraph B, the application must be
7 accompanied by the license fee set forth in section 1551 for a brewery.

8 B. A tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery is subject to the same requirements regarding production
9 of malt liquor and low-alcohol spirits products containing malt liquor as if the tenant
10 ~~brewer~~ brewery conducted its manufacturing on its own premises independently.

11 C. A tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery is not eligible for privileges provided in subsection 2
12 except for sampling described by paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2).

13 D. A tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery is governed by the provisions of subsection 3 except for
14 the privileges granted under paragraph C.

15 E. A tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery may not brew or produce malt liquor or low-alcohol spirits
16 products containing malt liquor for another ~~brewer~~ brewery or certificate of approval
17 holder.

18 F. A tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery shall ensure that the tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery maintains
19 control of the raw ingredients used to manufacture the tenant ~~brewer's~~ brewery's
20 product.

21 G-1. Licenses issued under subsection 3 may allow for up to 9 tenant ~~brewers~~
22 breweries at a time at the manufacturing facility of a host ~~brewer~~ brewery.

23 H. The bureau may require a tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery to maintain a record or log
24 indicating which equipment is being used at any time by the tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery
25 in the production of malt liquor or low-alcohol spirits products containing malt liquor and
26 which employees are working on production of the tenant ~~brewer's~~ brewery's product.

27 I. The bureau shall require that reports from a tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery be submitted in
28 a manner similar to the manner in which a ~~brewer~~ brewery licensed under subsection
29 3 submits reports. The bureau shall also require a tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery to submit
30 copies of reports required of holders of an approved brewer's notice issued by the
31 United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
32 authorizing the tenant ~~brewer~~ brewery to engage in an alternating proprietorship.

33 **7. Tenant winery.** Except as otherwise provided, the following provisions apply to a
34 tenant winery license under which the holder of a tenant winery license may produce wine
35 at the manufacturing facility of another winery, referred to in this subsection as "~~the~~ a host
36 winery," licensed by the bureau under subsection 4. This subsection applies to hard cider
37 produced by a manufacturer licensed as a winery or small winery under subsection 4.

38 A. To be eligible for a tenant winery license, a person must submit an application to
39 the bureau in a manner prescribed by the bureau and hold an approved application for
40 an alternating proprietorship issued by the United States Department of the Treasury,
41 Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau that authorizes a tenant winery to use the
42 facilities and equipment of a host winery. If the tenant winery meets the requirements
43 of subsection 4, paragraph B, the application must be accompanied by the license fee
44 set forth in section 1551 for a small winery. If the tenant winery does not meet the

1 requirements of subsection 4, paragraph B, the application must be accompanied by
2 the license fee set forth in section 1551 for a winery.

3 B. A tenant winery is subject to the same requirements regarding manufacture of its
4 product as if the tenant winery conducted its manufacturing on its own premises
5 independently.

6 C. A tenant winery is not eligible for privileges provided in subsection 2 except for
7 sampling described by paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2).

8 D. A tenant winery may not produce wine or hard cider for another winery or
9 certificate of approval holder.

10 E. A tenant winery shall ensure that the tenant winery maintains control of the raw
11 ingredients used to manufacture the tenant winery's ~~product~~ wine or hard cider.

12 F. A license issued under subsection 4 may allow for up to 9 tenant wineries at a time
13 at the manufacturing facility of a host winery.

14 G. The bureau may require a tenant winery to maintain a record or log indicating which
15 equipment is being used at any time by the tenant winery in the production of wine or
16 hard cider and which employees are working on production of the tenant winery's
17 product.

18 H. The bureau shall require that reports from a tenant winery be submitted in a manner
19 similar to the manner in which a winery licensed under subsection 4 submits reports.
20 The bureau shall also require a tenant winery to submit copies of reports required of
21 holders of an approved application issued by the United States Department of the
22 Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau authorizing the tenant winery
23 to engage in an alternating proprietorship.

24 **Sec. 222. 28-A MRSA §1361**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 529, §7, is further
25 amended to read:

26 **§1361. Certificate of approval; malt liquor or wine**

27 **1. Certificate of approval required.** ~~No An out-of-state manufacturer or foreign out-~~
28 ~~of-state wholesaler of malt liquor or wine may hold for sale, sell or offer for sale in~~
29 ~~intrastate commerce, or transport or cause to be transported into the State for resale, any~~
30 ~~malt liquor or wine not engage in the following activities unless the manufacturer or foreign~~
31 ~~wholesaler has obtained from the bureau a certificate of approval: from the bureau in~~
32 ~~accordance with this section:~~

33 A. Offer malt liquor or wine for sale in the State or sell malt liquor or wine in the State;
34 or

35 B. Transport into or cause to be transported into the State malt liquor or wine for sale
36 or resale in the State.

37 **2. Fee for certificate of approval.** The fee for a certificate of approval under this
38 section is \$1,000 per year for malt liquor only and \$1,000 per year for wine only, except
39 that the fee for a an out-of-state manufacturer or foreign out-of-state wholesaler of wine or
40 malt liquor ~~who~~ that ships 120 gallons of wine or malt liquor or less per year is \$100.
41 Payment of the fee must accompany the application for the certificate of approval.

1 **3. Conditions on certificate of approval.** The A certificate of approval under this
2 section is subject to the laws of the State and the rules of the bureau.

3 ~~A. Any violation of the rules of the bureau is ground for suspension or revocation of~~
4 ~~the certificate at the discretion of the District Court Judge.~~

5 **4. No sales of malt liquor or wine to person without wholesale license.** ~~No~~ Except
6 as otherwise authorized in sections 2073-C, 2073-D and 2073-E, a certificate of approval
7 holder, except a licensed small brewery or small winery authorized under section 1355-A
8 to sell its own products directly to retailers, may sell or cause to be transported into the
9 State any may not sell malt liquor or wine to any a person to whom a Maine wholesale
10 license has not been issued by the bureau. Malt liquor or wine must be delivered to the
11 place of business of the wholesaler as shown in the wholesaler's license, must be unloaded
12 and inventoried at the wholesaler's premises upon the wholesaler's receipt of the shipment
13 and must come to rest before delivery is made to any retailer to enable the bureau to inspect
14 and inventory wholesale warehouses for the purpose of verifying taxes that are required to
15 be paid on malt liquor and wine purchased by importers that is not a wholesale licensee or
16 cause malt liquor or wine to be transported into the State for sale to any person that is not
17 a wholesale licensee.

18 Malt liquor or wine must be delivered to the place of business of the wholesale licensee as
19 shown in the wholesale licensee's license, must be unloaded and inventoried at the
20 wholesale licensee's premises upon the wholesale licensee's receipt of the shipment and
21 must come to rest before delivery is made to any retailer to enable the bureau to inspect
22 and inventory the wholesale licensee's warehouses for the purpose of verifying taxes that
23 are required to be paid on imported malt liquor and wine.

24 This subsection does not apply to a licensed small brewery or small winery authorized
25 under section 1355-A to sell its own products directly to retailers.

26 **5. No exclusivity agreement.** ~~No~~ A certificate of approval holder may not make it a
27 condition in selling malt liquor or wine to any wholesale licensee that the wholesale
28 licensee may not sell malt liquor or wine manufactured or sold by other manufacturers or
29 foreign out-of-state wholesalers.

30 **Sec. 223. 28-A MRSA §1362,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §117, is repealed.

31 **Sec. 224. 28-A MRSA §1364, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
32 §4, is amended to read:

33 B. The ~~Maine~~ wholesale licensee, to whom shipment is to be made, has filed a bond
34 to guarantee payment of the excise tax as provided in section 1405.

35 **Sec. 225. 28-A MRSA §1364, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 147, §1, is
36 repealed.

37 **Sec. 226. 28-A MRSA §1365,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. XXXX, §2 and
38 affected by §13, is further amended to read:

39 **§1365. Low-alcohol spirits product tax**

40 In addition to any tax paid under section 1652, each certificate of approval holder that
41 manufactures low-alcohol spirits products shall pay a tax of 30¢ on each gallon of low-
42 alcohol spirits product sold to a wholesale licensee ~~in the State~~. In addition to the forms

1 filed pursuant to section 1364, on or before the 15th day of each calendar month, a
2 certificate of approval holder that manufactures low-alcohol spirits products shall file with
3 the bureau a monthly report on the number of gallons of low-alcohol spirits product sold to
4 wholesale licensees ~~in the State~~ with a copy of each invoice relating to each such sale. The
5 certificate of approval holder must enclose payment for the tax due under this section on
6 the reported sales.

7 **Sec. 227. 28-A MRSA §1371**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. XXXX, §3 and
8 affected by §13, is further amended to read:

9 **§1371. Special warehouse storage facilities ~~controlled by certificate of approval~~**
10 **holder**

11 **1. ~~Certificate of approval for~~ Licensing of special warehouse storage facilities.**
12 Notwithstanding the importation restrictions of ~~sections 2073 and 2077~~ section 1361,
13 subsection 4 and sections 2073-A and 2073-C, the bureau may issue ~~certificates of approval~~
14 a license authorizing the direct importation of malt liquor, wine or spirits ~~from suppliers by~~
15 a manufacturer, wholesaler or spirits supplier located in ~~a foreign countries~~ country or other
16 states another state into special warehouse storage facilities located within the State that
17 are under the direct supervision and control of the ~~certificate of approval holder~~ licensee
18 under this section or into a public warehouse with the approval of the bureau.

19 **2. Fee.** The fee for a ~~certificate of approval~~ license under this subsection ~~section~~ is
20 \$600 a year for malt liquor only, \$600 a year for wine only and \$600 a year for spirits only.

21 **3. Stored liquor not subject to state liquor spirits tax or excise tax until**
22 **withdrawn.** Liquor stored in special warehouse storage facilities licensed under this
23 section is not subject to ~~the state liquor taxes~~ spirits tax under section 1651 or to the excise
24 tax under section 1652 until it is withdrawn from the special warehouse storage facilities.

25 A. Malt liquor and wine withdrawn from the special warehouse storage facilities by
26 ~~Maine~~ wholesale licensees immediately become subject to the same tax as malt liquor
27 and wine imported into the State from out-of-state certificate of approval holders. The
28 wholesale licensee shall withdraw the malt liquor and wine to be distributed in the State
29 by the procedure established in sections 1404 and 1405.

30 B. The bureau may withdraw spirits from special warehouse storage facilities.

31 C. Out-of-state purchasers authorized by the bureau may withdraw spirits, wine and
32 malt liquor from special warehouse storage facilities. The authorization allows the out-
33 of-state purchasers to directly transport the spirits, wine and malt liquor to the state
34 border for delivery ~~out-of-state~~ outside of the State. Products withdrawn by authorized
35 out-of-state purchasers for delivery outside of the State are not subject to the state
36 spirits tax under section 1651 or the state excise tax or premium under section 1652.

37 **Sec. 228. 28-A MRSA §1381, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 615, §4 and
38 affected by §7, is amended to read:

39 **5. Shipment restrictions.** Except as provided in sections ~~2073~~ 2073-A and ~~2075~~
40 2073-E, a person that has been issued a certificate of approval under this section may ~~only~~
41 transport spirits into the State or cause spirits to be transported into the State only if the
42 spirits are delivered to a warehouse designated by the commission under section 81.

1 **Sec. 229. 28-A MRSA §1401, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §29,
2 is further amended to read:

3 **1. Issuance of licenses.** The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the in-
4 state sale and distribution of malt liquor, ~~wine and fortified and~~ wine at wholesale.

5 **Sec. 230. 28-A MRSA §1401, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §30,
6 is amended to read:

7 **9. Sales to licensees only.** A licensee under this section may sell or distribute malt
8 liquor, ~~wine and fortified and~~ wine only to persons licensed for the retail sale of malt liquor,
9 ~~wine or fortified and~~ wine for on-premises or off-premises consumption ~~on or off the~~
10 ~~licensed premises~~ in accordance with this Title.

11 **Sec. 231. 28-A MRSA §1402, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §124, is
12 further amended to read:

13 **2. Taste testing on retail licensee's premises.** With the bureau's written permission,
14 a wholesale licensee may rent or lease an area or room from an ~~on-premise~~ on-premises
15 retail licensee for the purpose of inviting retail licensees to taste test wine or malt liquor
16 products.

17 **Sec. 232. 28-A MRSA §1402, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. XXXX,
18 §4 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

19 **3. Conditions on taste-testing activity events.** The following conditions apply to all
20 ~~taste testings~~ taste-testing events under this section.

21 A. The wholesale licensee or a certificate of approval holder may provide the products
22 for ~~taste testing~~ taste-testing events only if all taxes required by this Title have been
23 paid.

24 B. Taste-testing ~~activity~~ events must be conducted only within the special designated
25 area or room.

26 C. Taste-testing ~~activity~~ events must be open only to invited retail licensees or their
27 authorized agents and not to their family members, guests or the ~~general~~ public.

28 D. After the taste-testing ~~activity~~ event is concluded, the wholesale licensee shall
29 remove all products supplied for the taste-testing ~~activity~~ event from the retail
30 licensee's premises.

31 E. Wine or malt liquor products may not be served to a person who is a minor or who
32 is visibly intoxicated.

33 **Sec. 233. 28-A MRSA §1402-A, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 629, §26,
34 is further amended to read:

35 **3-A. Partial-bottle wine samples.** Bottles of wine designated for partial-bottle
36 sampling must be properly sealed between samplings. Partial-bottle wine samples may be
37 provided only on the premises of a retailer licensed to sell wine for on-premises or off-
38 premises consumption to licensees licensed for on-premises consumption and off-premises
39 sales if the person receiving a sample is 21 years of age or older and is in the owner or a
40 supervisory or managerial position employee of the retailer;

1 **Sec. 234. 28-A MRSA §1402-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 35, §1, is
2 further amended to read:

3 **4. Full-bottle samples.** The maximum amount of unopened full-bottle samples given
4 to a retail licensee may not exceed 18 gallons of malt liquor and 18 liters of wine annually.
5 A full-bottle sample is an unopened bottle of wine or malt liquor given to a retail licensee,
6 which may be consumed by a retail licensee on or off the premises; and

7 **Sec. 235. 28-A MRSA §1402-A, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

8 **4-A. Prohibited recipients.** Malt liquor or wine samples authorized under this section
9 may not be provided to a person who is a minor or who is visibly intoxicated; and

10 **Sec. 236. 28-A MRSA §1403**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and
11 affected by §80, is further amended to read:

12 **§1403. Interstate purchase or transportation Purchase and sale of malt liquor or wine**
13 **by wholesale licensee**

14 **1. ~~No purchases other than from certificate of approval holder~~ Purchase of malt**
15 **liquor or wine by wholesale licensee.** ~~No A~~ A wholesale licensee may not purchase ~~or~~ malt
16 liquor or wine from a person other than a certificate of approval holder or special warehouse
17 storage facility licensed under section 1371. A wholesale licensee may not cause to be
18 transported into the State any malt liquor or wine from any a person other than a person to
19 whom the bureau has not issued a certificate of approval under section 1361.

20 **1-A. Wholesale licensee may purchase from wholesale licensee.** The bureau may
21 give written permission to a wholesale licensee to purchase malt liquor or wine from
22 another wholesale licensee.

23 **2. ~~Sale of malt liquor or wine not purchased from a certificate of approval holder~~**
24 **prohibited by wholesale licensee.** ~~No A~~ A wholesale licensee may not sell ~~to another~~
25 ~~wholesale licensee any~~ malt liquor or wine which that has not been purchased from a
26 brewery, winery or foreign wholesaler holding a certificate of approval holder or a special
27 warehouse storage facility licensed under section 1371.

28 **3. License revoked if it requires wholesale license to not sell other brands.** The
29 District Court Judge shall revoke the license of ~~any a~~ a wholesale licensee, ~~who that~~ that requires
30 as a condition of selling malt liquor or wine to another wholesale licensee, that the
31 purchasing wholesale licensee may not sell other brand names of malt liquor or wine.

32 **4. Monthly report.** By the 10th day of each calendar month, each wholesale licensee
33 shall furnish to the bureau, in the form prescribed by the bureau, a monthly report of all
34 malt liquor or wine purchased and sold during the preceding month.

35 **Sec. 237. 28-A MRSA §1403-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 373, §1, is
36 amended to read:

37 **3. Direct shipper application.** Before sending a shipment to a resident of this State,
38 a direct shipper must file an application for a wine direct shipper license under subsection
39 2 with the bureau on a form issued by the bureau along with a true copy of its current
40 ~~alcoholic beverage~~ winery license issued in this State or another state and a \$100
41 registration fee.

1 **Sec. 238. 28-A MRSA §1403-A, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 373, §1, is
2 amended to read:

3 **8. License renewal.** A direct shipper may annually renew its wine direct shipper
4 license with the bureau by paying a \$50 renewal fee and providing the bureau with a true
5 copy of its current ~~alcoholic beverage~~ winery license issued in this State or another state.

6 **Sec. 239. 28-A MRSA §1403-A, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 373, §1, is
7 amended to read:

8 **9. Sales tax registration and payment required.** As a condition of receiving a
9 ~~certificate of approval~~ license, a shipper located outside the State shall comply with the
10 provisions of Title 36, Part 3, including all requirements relating to registration as a seller
11 and the collection, reporting and remittance of the sales and use taxes of the State, and shall
12 agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of the State for purposes of the enforcement of those
13 obligations. The requirements of this subsection apply notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision
14 of law of the State to the contrary.

15 **Sec. 240. 28-A MRSA §1404, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §128,
16 is further amended to read:

17 D. The unbonded wholesale licensee may mail the original copy of the order to the
18 ~~brewery or winery or wholesaler~~ certificate of approval holder with ~~whom~~ which the
19 licensee wishes to place the order.

20 **Sec. 241. 28-A MRSA §1404, sub-§1, ¶E**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §128,
21 is further amended to read:

22 E. On receipt of the 3 copies and a check for excise taxes, the bureau shall promptly
23 process the copies and return one copy to the wholesale licensee and send one to the
24 ~~brewery, winery or foreign wholesaler~~ designated to receive certificate of approval
25 holder with which the wholesale licensee wishes to place the order. The bureau shall
26 keep the 3rd copy on file.

27 **Sec. 242. 28-A MRSA §1404, sub-§1, ¶F**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §128,
28 is further amended to read:

29 ~~F. No brewery, winery or foreign wholesaler~~ A certificate of approval holder may not
30 ship or release malt liquor or wine for delivery in ~~Maine~~ the State until notified by the
31 bureau that the excise tax has been paid in accordance with this section.

32 **Sec. 243. 28-A MRSA §1405, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
33 §4, is amended to read:

34 C. The bonded wholesale licensee shall submit the original copy to the brewery,
35 winery or ~~foreign~~ out-of-state wholesaler with ~~whom he~~ which the bonded wholesale
36 licensee wishes to place the order.

37 **Sec. 244. 28-A MRSA §1405, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. XXXX,
38 §7 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

39 **3. Payment of excise tax.** By filing the bond required in subsection 2, a wholesale
40 licensee may pay monthly the excise tax imposed by section 1652 on all malt liquor or wine
41 shipped into the State as shown by invoice of the shipment by the ~~out-of-state wholesaler~~
42 ~~or holder of a certificate of approval holder~~ issued under section 1361.

1 A. The wholesale licensee shall pay the excise tax by the 15th day of the calendar
2 month following the month in which shipment occurs.

3 B. At the time of payment of the excise tax, each ~~Maine~~ wholesale licensee shall file
4 with the bureau in the form prescribed by the bureau:

5 (1) A verified monthly report of all malt liquor or wine purchased or imported
6 based on the date of shipment invoice during the preceding calendar month; and

7 (2) Any additional information the bureau requires to compute and ensure the
8 accuracy of the excise tax payment accompanying the report.

9 **Sec. 245. 28-A MRSA §1406, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §132,
10 is further amended to read:

11 B. Give written notice to the bureau and the wholesale licensee affected at least 90
12 days before any change in:

13 (1) Its wholesale licensees; or

14 (2) The territory of its ~~wholesale licensee in the State~~ licensees.

15 **Sec. 246. 28-A MRSA §1407, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §112, is
16 further amended to read:

17 **1. Exclusive distributors.** Except as provided in section 1454, the wholesale licensee
18 appointed by the certificate of approval holder to be the exclusive distributor for specific
19 brands of malt liquor and wine cannot be terminated as exclusive distributor of those
20 specific brands upon the voluntary or involuntary termination or transfer of the same brands
21 of malt liquor and wine by the certificate of approval holder ~~who~~ that registered the specific
22 labels and established prices with the bureau. The certificate of approval holder acquiring
23 these brands shall take the place of the certificate of approval holder ~~who~~ that appointed
24 the distributors and shall comply with section 1406.

25 **Sec. 247. 28-A MRSA §1408, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §133, is
26 further amended to read:

27 **4. Price changes.** Except as provided in paragraph A, certificate of approval holders
28 ~~and manufacturer's~~ shall give written notice of price changes to the bureau and their
29 respective wholesale licensees at least 30 days before the effective date. Wholesale
30 licensees shall give written notice of their price changes to the bureau at least 15 days before
31 the effective date. All price changes are effective on the first day of the month.

32 A. The bureau may give written permission to certificate of approval holders,
33 ~~manufacturers~~ or wholesale licensees to reduce the notice period for price changes in
34 specific instances.

35 **Sec. 248. 28-A MRSA §1451, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
36 amended to read:

37 **3. Primary source of supply.** "Primary source of supply" means the ~~distiller~~
38 distillery, the bottler, the ~~brewer~~ brewery, the winery, the brand owner or the designated
39 agent of any ~~distiller distillery, brewer brewery,~~ winery or brand owner.

40 **Sec. 249. 28-A MRSA §1451, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
41 amended to read:

1 **5. Wholesale licensee.** Notwithstanding section 2, subsection 34, "wholesale
2 license" means ~~any a~~ person holding a wholesale ~~malt liquor or wine~~ license ~~within the~~
3 State under section 1401, offering malt liquor or wine for sale or resale to retailers, without
4 regard to whether the business of the person is conducted under the terms of an agreement
5 with a certificate of approval holder.

6 **Sec. 250. 28-A MRSA §1452, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
7 §4, is amended to read:

8 C. Require a wholesale licensee to assent to any condition, stipulation or provision
9 limiting the wholesale ~~licensee in his~~ licensee's right to sell the product of any other
10 certificate of approval holder anywhere in the State if the acquisition of the product of
11 another certificate of approval holder does not materially impair the quality of service
12 or quantity of sales of the existing brand or brands of the certificate of approval holder
13 seeking to impose the condition, stipulation or provision.

14 **Sec. 251. 28-A MRSA §1453**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended
15 to read:

16 **§1453. ~~No dual~~ Dual distributorship prohibited**

17 **1. Dual distributorship prohibited.** ~~No A~~ A certificate of approval holder ~~who~~ that
18 designates a sales territory for which a wholesale licensee is primarily responsible may not
19 enter into any agreement with any other wholesale licensee for the purpose of establishing
20 an additional agreement for its brand or label in the same territory.

21 **2. Certificate of approval holder to file list.** Each certificate of approval holder shall
22 file with ~~his~~ its application for a certificate of approval or in-state manufacturer license a
23 list giving the name and address of each bottler and wholesale licensee authorized to
24 distribute products of that certificate of approval holder and designating the exclusive
25 territory assigned to each wholesale licensee within the State. Unless authorized by the
26 bureau, wholesale licensees may not sell those products to licensees outside of the exclusive
27 territory allocated and designated.

28 A. Sales of wine to retail licensees at the wholesale licensee's warehouse ~~shall~~ must be
29 considered a sale within the wholesale licensee's exclusive territory.

30 **3. Primary source of supply.** ~~No A~~ A wholesale licensee may not purchase liquor from
31 anyone other than the primary source of supply within the United States.

32 **Sec. 252. 28-A MRSA §1454, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
33 §4, is amended to read:

34 D. Failure by the wholesale licensee to substantially comply, without reasonable
35 excuse or justification, with any reasonable and material requirement imposed upon
36 ~~him~~ the wholesale licensee by the certificate of approval holder.

37 **Sec. 253. 28-A MRSA §1455, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 529, §8, is
38 further amended to read:

39 **1. Written ~~notice~~ notices.** Before any termination procedure initiated by the
40 certificate of approval holder, the certificate of approval holder shall give the wholesale
41 licensee a written notice of any claimed deficiency existing in the wholesale licensee's
42 territory and the certificate of approval holder shall give the wholesale licensee reasonable

1 time or, if the certificate of approval holder is a small beer manufacturer or a small hard
2 cider manufacturer, at least 30 days to correct the claimed deficiency or deficiencies. After
3 this time has elapsed, the certificate of approval holder shall provide the wholesale licensee
4 with a written notice of the certificate of approval holder's intent to amend, cancel,
5 terminate, refuse to continue, refuse to renew or cause the wholesale licensee to resign from
6 an agreement at least 90 days prior to the effective date of the intended amendment,
7 cancellation, termination, refusal to continue, refusal to renew or causing of resignation.
8 The written notice must state all of the reasons for the intended amendment, cancellation,
9 termination, refusal to continue, refusal to renew or causing of resignation. The notice
10 provisions of this section do not apply if the reason for the intended amendment,
11 cancellation, termination, refusal to continue, refusal to renew or causing of resignation is:

- 12 A. The bankruptcy or insolvency of the wholesale licensee;
- 13 B. An assignment for the benefit of creditors or similar disposition of the assets of the
14 wholesale licensee's business;
- 15 C. Revocation of the wholesale licensee's license; or
- 16 D. Conviction or a plea of guilty or no contest to a charge of violating a law relating
17 to the business that materially affects the wholesale licensee's ability to remain in
18 business.

19 For purposes of this section, "small beer manufacturer" and "small hard cider
20 manufacturer" have the same meanings as in section 1457, subsection 1-A.

21 **Sec. 254. 28-A MRSA §1457, sub-§1-A, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 529, §9,
22 is amended to read:

- 23 D. "Small beer manufacturer" means a small brewery or out-of-state ~~brewer~~ brewery
24 that brews, lagers and kegs, bottles or packages its own malt liquor, not to exceed
25 30,000 barrels per year.

26 **Sec. 255. 28-A MRSA §1504**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §28, is further
27 amended to read:

28 **§1504. Samples of spirits products**

29 A person licensed under section 1502 as a sales representative for a spirits manufacturer
30 or spirits supplier may give a retail licensee samples of spirits under the following
31 conditions:

- 32 **1. Invoice required.** The spirits must be accompanied by an invoice;
- 33 **2. Product registered.** The spirits must be listed by the commission for sale in this
34 State and clearly labeled as a sample;

35 ~~**3-A. Partial-bottle spirits samples.** Samples must be decanted from the spirits
36 product bottle and provided to licensees licensed for on-premises consumption. The sales
37 representative providing the sample shall maintain a log stating the names of the licensees
38 who sampled the product and the amount sampled. Partial-bottle samples must be properly
39 sealed between tastings.~~

- 40 **4. Sampling record; prohibited recipients.** The sales representative who provides
41 the sample shall maintain a log stating the names of the agency liquor store or on-premises
42 retail licensees who sampled the licensee to whom a full-bottle sample is given under

1 subsection 5 or the person to whom a partial-bottle sample of spirits is given under
2 subsection 6 and the amount sampled of that partial-bottle sample. The person to whom
3 the sales representative gives spirits samples under this section may not be a minor or a
4 visibly intoxicated person;

5 **5. Full-bottle samples.** The maximum amount of unopened full-bottle samples of
6 spirits given to a retail licensee by a sales representative may not exceed 6 liters per year
7 per ~~distiller~~ distillery represented by that sales representative. Individual samples may not
8 exceed one liter. A full-bottle sample is an unopened bottle of spirits provided to an agency
9 liquor store or an on-premises retail licensee licensed to sell spirits;

10 **6. ~~Retail sampling~~ Partial-bottle samples.** Bottles of spirits designated for partial-
11 bottle sampling must be properly sealed between samplings. Samples poured from a bottle
12 of spirits designated for ~~retail~~ partial-bottle sampling may be provided ~~to an on-premises~~
13 ~~licensee licensed to serve spirits and to an agency liquor store on the premises of the agency~~
14 ~~liquor store if the person receiving the sample is 21 years of age or older and is in a~~
15 ~~supervisory or managerial position with the agency liquor store. Bottles of spirits~~
16 ~~designated for retail sampling must be properly sealed between samplings. only:~~

17 A. On the premises of a retailer licensed to sell spirits for on-premises consumption to
18 the owner of or a supervisory or managerial employee of the retailer; or

19 B. On the premises of an agency liquor store to the owner of or a supervisory or
20 managerial employee of the agency liquor store;

21 **7. Records maintained.** Records of samples given or received under this section must
22 be maintained for a 2-year period by the sales representative and the retail licensee giving
23 or receiving that gave or received the samples; and

24 **8. Access to samples.** A sales representative shall request samples from bailment
25 inventory of a spirits supplier housed at the ~~State's~~ wholesale liquor spirits provider's
26 warehouse for the purposes described under this section.

27 **Sec. 256. 28-A MRSA §1551, sub-§3, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 342, §114,
28 is amended to read:

29 A. ~~Distiller~~ Distillery, includes bottling (one year).....\$1,000;

30 **Sec. 257. 28-A MRSA §1551, sub-§3, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 629, §35,
31 is further amended to read:

32 H. Small ~~distiller~~ distillery, includes bottling (one year).....\$100.

33 **Sec. 258. 28-A MRSA §1553, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 282, §1, is
34 amended to read:

35 B. The sampling of liquor authorized under paragraph A must be conducted in
36 accordance with the licensed educational institution's alcohol safety procedures or
37 guidelines, and such liquor may not be served to a person who is a minor or who is
38 visibly intoxicated.

39 **Sec. 259. 28-A MRSA §1652, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. XXXX,
40 §8 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

41 **4. Excise tax accounts and adjustments.** The bureau shall open an excise tax account
42 with ~~all manufacturers,~~ each wholesale ~~licensees~~ licensee and each certificate of approval

1 ~~holders~~ holder and make the following adjustments when appropriate. As used in this
2 subsection, "certificate of approval holder" means an in-state manufacturer of malt liquor
3 or wine licensed under section 1355-A or an out-of-state manufacturer of or out-of-state
4 wholesaler of malt liquor or wine that has been issued a certificate of approval under section
5 1361.

6 A. The bureau may grant credits and make tax adjustments that it determines the
7 wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder is entitled to upon the filing of
8 affidavits in the form prescribed by the bureau.

9 B. The bureau shall refund all excise tax paid by the wholesale licensee or certificate
10 of approval holder on all malt liquor or wine ~~caused to be destroyed by a supplier that~~
11 has been destroyed as long as the quantity and size are verified by the bureau and the
12 destruction is witnessed by an authorized representative of the bureau.

13 C. If a wholesale licensee's inventories are destroyed by fire, flood or other natural
14 disaster, the bureau may refund the excise tax on the wholesale licensee's inventories.

15 D. Any wholesale licensee selling malt liquor or wine to an instrumentality, a licensee
16 for resale to an airline, a training site or a ship chandler shall present proof of that sale
17 to the bureau. The bureau shall grant to the wholesale licensee a credit of all state
18 excise tax paid in connection with that sale under the following conditions.

19 (1) The bureau shall grant a credit for the excise tax on malt liquor or wine sold
20 by wholesale licensees to any instrumentality of the United States or any Maine
21 National Guard state training site exempted by the bureau.

22 (2) The bureau shall grant a credit for the excise tax on malt liquor or wine sold to
23 any ship chandler as long as the malt liquor and wine are resold to vessels of foreign
24 registry for consumption after that vessel has left port or are resold for consumption
25 on board vessels of United States registry that are destined for a foreign port.

26 (3) The bureau shall grant a credit for the excise tax on malt liquor and ~~table~~ wine
27 sold to a licensee registered with the bureau for resale to licensed airlines or to
28 unlicensed airlines for their international flights.

29 **Sec. 260. 28-A MRSA §2051, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. P,
30 §4 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

31 D. Present or offer to a licensee, the licensee's agent or employee any written or oral
32 evidence of age that is false, fraudulent or not actually the minor's own, for the purpose
33 of:

34 (1) Ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase or otherwise procuring or
35 attempting to procure the serving of any liquor or imitation liquor. The following
36 penalties apply to violations of this subparagraph.

37 (a) A minor who violates this subparagraph commits a civil violation for which
38 a fine of not less than \$200 and not more than \$400 must be adjudged.

39 (b) A minor who violates this subparagraph after having previously violated
40 this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$300 and
41 not more than \$600 must be adjudged, none of which must be suspended
42 except as provided in subsection 2, paragraph B.

1 (c) A minor who violates this subparagraph after having previously violated
2 this section 2 or more times commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$600
3 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended except as provided in
4 subsection 2, paragraph B; or

5 (2) Gaining access to a licensed ~~premise~~ premises when minors are not allowed.
6 The following penalties apply to violations of this subparagraph.

7 (a) A minor who violates this subparagraph commits a civil violation for which
8 a fine of not less than \$200 and not more than \$400 must be adjudged.

9 (b) A minor who violates this subparagraph after having previously violated
10 this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$300 and
11 not more than \$600 must be adjudged, none of which must be suspended
12 except as provided in subsection 2, paragraph B.

13 (c) A minor who violates this subparagraph after having previously violated
14 this section 2 or more times commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$600
15 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended except as provided in
16 subsection 2, paragraph B;

17 **Sec. 261. 28-A MRSA §2073**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §33, is further
18 amended to read:

19 **§2073. ~~Importation and In-state~~ transportation of liquor within the State for illegal**
20 **~~sale~~**

21 **1. ~~Illegal In-state~~ transportation of liquor within the State for illegal sale**
22 **~~prohibited.~~** ~~No~~ A person may not knowingly transport within the State any liquor:

23 A. With intent to sell the liquor in the State in violation of law;

24 B. With intent that the liquor be illegally sold by any person; or

25 C. With intent to aid any person in illegal sale of liquor.

26 **2. Penalties.** A person who ~~knowingly~~ violates this section commits a Class E crime.

27 **~~3. Legal importation into and transportation of liquor within the State.~~** ~~Liquor~~
28 ~~may be legally imported into and transported within the State in the following situations:~~

29 ~~A. Upon application, the bureau may grant to an individual a permit to transport liquor~~
30 ~~purchased for that person's own personal use.~~

31 ~~B. For hire carriers and contract carriers, authorized by the Department of Public~~
32 ~~Safety, may transport liquor to liquor warehouses, to licensees, from manufacturers to~~
33 ~~liquor warehouses and to the state line for transportation outside the State.~~

34 ~~C-1. Reselling agents may transport spirits to licensees who are licensed for the sale~~
35 ~~of spirits for on-premises consumption.~~

36 ~~D. Manufacturers may transport liquor within the State to liquor warehouses, to~~
37 ~~persons authorized under paragraph E and to the state line for transportation outside~~
38 ~~the State.~~

39 ~~E. The bureau may permit in writing the importation of liquor into the State and the~~
40 ~~transportation of liquor from place to place within the State to the following~~
41 ~~destinations for the specified purposes:~~

- 1 (1) ~~To hospitals and state institutions, for medicinal purposes only, liquor made~~
2 available to them from stocks of liquor seized by the Federal Government;
- 3 (2) ~~To industrial establishments in the State for industrial uses;~~
- 4 (3) ~~To schools, colleges and state institutions for laboratory use only;~~
- 5 (4) ~~To any licensed pharmacist in the State for use in the compounding of~~
6 prescriptions and other medicinal use, but not for sale by pharmacists unless
7 compounded with or mixed with other substances; or
- 8 (5) ~~To any physician, surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist or~~
9 veterinarian for medicinal use only.

10 ~~F. The bureau may authorize hospitals and state institutions to purchase spirits, for~~
11 ~~medicinal purposes only, from agency liquor stores. This authorization must be in~~
12 ~~writing.~~

13 **Sec. 262. 28-A MRSA §2073-A** is enacted to read:

14 **§2073-A. Importation of spirits**

15 **1. Prohibition.** Except as provided in subsection 2 and section 2073-E, a person other
16 than the bureau may not transport spirits into the State or cause spirits to be transported
17 into the State.

18 **2. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may transport spirits into the
19 State or cause spirits to be transported into the State in the following circumstances.

20 A. An individual may transport into the State up to 4 liters of spirits for the individual's
21 personal use.

22 B. Upon application, the bureau may grant a permit to an individual authorizing the
23 individual to transport into and within the State more than 4 liters of spirits for the
24 individual's personal use.

25 C. An out-of-state spirits supplier may transport spirits into the State or may cause
26 spirits to be transported into the State by a common carrier or contract carrier
27 authorized by the Department of Public Safety. Each shipment of spirits transported
28 into the State in accordance with this paragraph must be accompanied by an invoice
29 that includes the purchase number and the names of the sender and intended recipient
30 of the spirits, who must be authorized to receive spirits imports under section 2073-B,
31 subsection 2, paragraph B.

32 **3. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

33 A. A person that transports into the State or that causes to be transported into the State
34 a quantity of less than 40 liters of spirits in violation of this section commits a civil
35 violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

36 B. A person that transports into the State or that causes to be transported into the State
37 a quantity of 40 or more liters of spirits in violation of this section commits a Class E
38 crime, which is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection
39 4-A.

1 **4. Evidence.** The possession of more than 8 liters of spirits in one or more containers
2 that are not labeled in accordance with Title 38, section 3105 is prima facie evidence of a
3 violation of this section.

4 **5. Forfeiture.** Notwithstanding section 2221-A, a court shall order spirits transported
5 or caused to be transported into the State in violation of this section to be forfeited to the
6 State and disposed of as provided in section 2229:

7 A. If a person fails to appear in court either in person or by counsel on the date and
8 time specified in response to a Uniform Summons and Complaint issued for a violation
9 of this section; or

10 B. As part of every adjudication and imposition of a fine under subsection 3, paragraph
11 A and every conviction under subsection 3, paragraph B.

12 **Sec. 263. 28-A MRSA §2073-B** is enacted to read:

13 **§2073-B. In-state transportation of spirits**

14 **1. Prohibition.** Except as provided in subsection 2, section 1201-A or section 2073-E,
15 a person may not transport more than 4 liters of spirits within the State unless the spirits
16 were legally purchased from:

17 A. An agency liquor store; or

18 B. An in-state manufacturer authorized under section 1355-A to sell spirits for off-
19 premises consumption.

20 **2. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may transport spirits within
21 the State in the following circumstances.

22 A. An individual may transport spirits within the State in accordance with a permit
23 issued under 2073-A, subsection 2, paragraph B.

24 B. A person may transport spirits the person transported into the State pursuant to
25 section 2073-A, subsection 2, paragraph C to:

26 (1) A warehouse designated by the commission under section 81;

27 (2) A bottler or rectifier licensed under section 1355-A;

28 (3) A winery, small winery or tenant winery licensed under section 1355-A, for
29 the production of fortified wine; or

30 (4) A brewery, small brewery or tenant brewery licensed under section 1355-A,
31 for the production of low-alcohol spirits products containing malt liquor.

32 C. A licensed in-state manufacturer of spirits may transport spirits produced by the
33 manufacturer or may cause a common carrier or contract carrier authorized by the
34 Department of Public Safety to transport spirits produced by the manufacturer to:

35 (1) A warehouse designated by the commission under section 81;

36 (2) A bottler or rectifier licensed under section 1355-A;

37 (3) A winery, small winery or tenant winery licensed under section 1355-A, for
38 the production of fortified wine;

39 (4) A brewery, small brewery or tenant brewery licensed under section 1355-A,
40 for the production of low-alcohol spirits products containing malt liquor;

1 (5) Any location to which the licensed in-state manufacturer of spirits is authorized
2 to transport its own products under section 1355-A; or

3 (6) The state line for transportation outside the State.

4 D. The wholesale spirits provider may transport spirits between warehouses designated
5 by the commission under section 81 or to agency liquor stores as provided in section
6 503.

7 E. A reselling agent may transport spirits to on-premises retail licensees as provided
8 in section 459.

9 Each shipment of spirits transported within the State in accordance with paragraph B, C, D
10 or E must be accompanied by an invoice that includes the purchase number and the names
11 of the sender and intended recipient of the spirits.

12 **3. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

13 A. A person that transports within the State a quantity of less than 40 liters of spirits
14 in violation of this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than
15 \$500 may be adjudged.

16 B. A person that transports within the State a quantity of 40 or more liters of spirits in
17 violation of this section commits a Class E crime, which is a strict liability crime as
18 defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

19 **4. Evidence.** The possession of more than 8 liters of spirits in one or more containers
20 that are not labeled in accordance with Title 38, section 3105 is prima facie evidence of a
21 violation of this section.

22 **5. Forfeiture.** Notwithstanding section 2221-A, a court shall order spirits transported
23 within the State in violation of this section to be forfeited to the State and disposed of as
24 provided in section 2229:

25 A. If a person fails to appear in court either in person or by counsel on the date and
26 time specified in response to a Uniform Summons and Complaint issued for a violation
27 of this section; or

28 B. As part of every adjudication and imposition of a fine under subsection 3, paragraph
29 A and every conviction under subsection 3, paragraph B.

30 **Sec. 264. 28-A MRSA §2073-C** is enacted to read:

31 **§2073-C. Importation of malt liquor or wine**

32 **1. Prohibition.** Except as provided in subsection 2, section 1403-A or section 2073-E,
33 a person may not transport malt liquor or wine into the State or cause malt liquor or wine
34 to be transported into the State.

35 **2. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may transport malt liquor or
36 wine into the State or cause malt liquor or wine to be transported into the State in the
37 following circumstances.

38 A. An individual may transport into the State up to 400 fluid ounces of malt liquor and
39 up to 4 liters of wine for the individual's personal use.

1 B. Upon application, the bureau may grant a permit to an individual authorizing the
2 individual to transport into and within the State more than 400 fluid ounces of malt
3 liquor or more than 4 liters of wine for the individual's personal use.

4 C. A licensed in-state small brewery, a licensed in-state small winery and a wholesale
5 licensee may transport malt liquor or wine into the State or may cause malt liquor or
6 wine to be transported into the State by an out-of-state manufacturer of malt liquor or
7 wine that has been issued a certificate of approval, an out-of-state wholesaler that has
8 been issued a certificate of approval or a common carrier or contract carrier authorized
9 by the Department of Public Safety. Each shipment of malt liquor or wine transported
10 into the State in accordance with this paragraph must be accompanied by an invoice
11 that includes the purchase number and the names of the sender and the licensed in-state
12 small brewery, licensed in-state small winery or wholesale licensee that is the intended
13 recipient of the malt liquor or wine.

14 **3. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

15 A. A person that transports into the State or that causes to be transported into the State
16 a quantity of less than 1,300 fluid ounces of malt liquor or less than 40 liters of wine
17 in violation of this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than
18 \$500 may be adjudged.

19 B. A person that transports into the State or that causes to be transported into the State
20 a quantity of 1,300 or more fluid ounces of malt liquor or 40 or more liters of wine in
21 violation of this section commits a Class E crime, which is a strict liability crime as
22 defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

23 **4. Evidence.** The possession of more than 800 fluid ounces of malt liquor or more
24 than 8 liters of wine in one or more containers that are not labeled in accordance with Title
25 38, section 3105 is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

26 **5. Forfeiture.** Notwithstanding section 2221-A, a court shall order malt liquor or wine
27 transported or caused to be transported into the State in violation of this section to be
28 forfeited to the State and disposed of as provided in section 2229:

29 A. If a person fails to appear in court either in person or by counsel on the date and
30 time specified in response to a Uniform Summons and Complaint issued for a violation
31 of this section; or

32 B. As part of every adjudication and imposition of a fine under subsection 3, paragraph
33 A and every conviction under subsection 3, paragraph B.

34 **Sec. 265. 28-A MRSA §2073-D** is enacted to read:

35 **§2073-D. In-state transportation of malt liquor or wine**

36 **1. Prohibition.** Except as provided in subsection 2 and section 2703-E, a person may
37 not transport within the State more than 400 fluid ounces of malt liquor or more than 4
38 liters of wine unless the malt liquor or wine was legally purchased from:

39 A. An off-premises retail licensee;

40 B. An in-state manufacturer authorized under section 1355-A to sell malt liquor or
41 wine for off-premises consumption; or

42 C. A direct shipper licensed under section 1403-A.

1 **2. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may transport malt liquor or
2 wine within the State in the following circumstances.

3 A. An individual may transport within the State malt liquor or wine in accordance with
4 a permit issued under section 2073-C, subsection 2, paragraph B.

5 B. A person may transport malt liquor or wine the person transported into the State
6 pursuant to section 2073-C, subsection 2, paragraph C.

7 C. A licensed in-state manufacturer of malt liquor or wine may transport malt liquor
8 or wine produced by the manufacturer or may cause a common carrier or contract
9 carrier authorized by the Department of Public Safety to transport malt liquor or wine
10 produced by the manufacturer to:

11 (1) A bottler or rectifier licensed under section 1355-A;

12 (2) A wholesale licensee;

13 (3) Any location to which the licensed in-state manufacturer is authorized to
14 transport its own products under section 1355-A;

15 (4) A warehouse operated by the licensed in-state manufacturer; or

16 (5) The state line for transportation outside the State.

17 D. A wholesale licensee may transport malt liquor or wine to an on-premises or off-
18 premises retailer of malt liquor or wine in accordance with sections 713 and 1401.

19 Each shipment of malt liquor or wine transported within the State in accordance with
20 paragraph B, C or D must be accompanied by an invoice that includes the purchase number
21 and the names of the sender and intended recipient of the malt liquor or wine.

22 **3. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

23 A. A person that transports within the State less than 1,300 fluid ounces of malt liquor
24 or less than 40 liters of wine in violation of this section commits a civil violation for
25 which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

26 B. A person that transports within the State 1,300 or more fluid ounces of malt liquor
27 or 40 or more liters of wine in violation of this section commits a Class E crime, which
28 is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

29 **4. Evidence.** The possession of more than 800 fluid ounces of malt liquor or 8 liters
30 of wine in one or more containers that are not labeled in accordance with Title 38, section
31 3105 is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

32 **5. Forfeiture.** Notwithstanding section 2221-A, a court shall order malt liquor or wine
33 transported within the State in violation of this section to be forfeited to the State and
34 disposed of as provided in section 2229:

35 A. If a person fails to appear in court either in person or by counsel on the date and
36 time specified in response to a Uniform Summons and Complaint issued for a violation
37 of this section; or

38 B. As part of every adjudication and imposition of a fine under subsection 3, paragraph
39 A and every conviction under subsection 3, paragraph B.

40 **Sec. 266. 28-A MRSA §2073-E** is enacted to read:

1 **§2073-E. Importation and in-state transportation of liquor for special purposes**

2 **1. Bureau may authorize importation and in-state transportation of liquor for**
3 **special purposes.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bureau may
4 grant a permit authorizing the transportation of liquor into and within the State to the
5 following persons for the following specified purposes:

6 A. To a hospital or state institution located in the State, for medicinal purposes only;

7 B. To a licensed physician, surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist or
8 veterinarian located in the State, for medicinal purposes only;

9 C. To a licensed pharmacist located in the State, for use in the compounding of
10 prescriptions and other medicinal use but not for sale by the pharmacist unless
11 compounded with or mixed with other substances;

12 D. To an industrial establishment located in the State, only for an industrial use, for
13 use as an ingredient in the manufacture of food products, for use as an ingredient in the
14 manufacture of commodities that by reason of their nature cannot be used for beverage
15 purposes or for use in the manufacture of commodities unfit for beverage purposes;

16 E. To a school, college or state institution located in the State, for laboratory use only;

17 F. To a licensed in-state spirits manufacturer, for use as an ingredient in distilling or
18 manufacturing spirits and other spirituous liquor products that are authorized by 27
19 Code of Federal Regulations. A permit issued under this paragraph authorizes only the
20 transportation of spirits into and within the State and may not authorize the
21 transportation of malt liquor or wine into and within the State; and

22 G. To a church or the pastor of a church located in the State, for sacramental purposes
23 or similar religious rites only.

24 **2. Invoice required.** Each shipment of liquor transported into the State in accordance
25 with this section must be accompanied by an invoice that includes the purchase number
26 and the names of the sender and intended recipient of the liquor.

27 **Sec. 267. 28-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 281, §11, is
28 further amended to read:

29 **1. Transportation on-premises or off-premises.** Except as provided in section 1051,
30 section 1075-A, subsection 3 or section 1080, any a person who that transports liquor onto
31 or off of the premises of an ~~on-premise~~ on-premises retail licensee is guilty of ~~commits~~ a
32 Class E crime.

33 **Sec. 268. 28-A MRSA §2074-A, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 693, §4, is
34 amended to read:

35 A person licensed for the sale of spirits for on-premises consumption ~~on the licensed~~
36 ~~premises who~~ that violates section 606, subsection 1-A or violates state rules or federal
37 regulations governing the storage, purchase and sale of spirits, including but not limited to
38 the prohibition against reusing or refilling ~~liquor~~ spirits bottles; and the disposition of
39 empty ~~liquor~~ spirits bottles, is subject to suspension or revocation of the license under
40 chapter 33 as follows.

41 **Sec. 269. 28-A MRSA §2075,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 166, §7, is repealed.

1 **Sec. 270. 28-A MRSA §2076**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §34, is further
2 amended to read:

3 **§2076. Illegal delivery of liquor spirits**

4 **1. ~~Delivery of liquor~~ Illegal delivery of spirits prohibited.** Except with the bureau's
5 written permission or except as provided in section ~~2073, subsection 3, paragraph C-4~~ 503,
6 subsection 1 for the wholesale spirits provider or in section 459 for reselling agents, a
7 person may not knowingly transport ~~to~~ or cause to be delivered to any person other than
8 the bureau any spirits not purchased from an agency liquor store.

9 **2. Penalties.** ~~Any A~~ A person ~~who~~ that violates this section commits a Class E crime.

10 **Sec. 271. 28-A MRSA §2077**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 166, §8, is repealed.

11 **Sec. 272. 28-A MRSA §2077-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. P,
12 §8 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

13 **2. Penalty.** A person ~~who~~ that violates this section is subject to penalties listed in
14 section ~~2075~~ 2073-A, subsection ~~4-A~~ 3 and section ~~2073-C~~, subsection 3.

15 **Sec. 273. 28-A MRSA §2202**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §160, is further
16 amended to read:

17 **§2202. Bail after failure to comply with terms of bond**

18 In any prosecution for violation of the laws relating to manufacture or sale of liquor, a
19 defendant who has failed to comply with the term of any bond entered into by the defendant
20 in that case may not again be admitted to bail in that case or upon arrest on any warrant
21 issued in that case, except by a judge or justice of the court in which that prosecution is
22 pending.

23 **Sec. 274. 28-A MRSA §2203**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 342, §125,
24 is amended by amending the section headnote to read:

25 **§2203. Evidence of illegal sale; allegation of prior conviction**

26 **Sec. 275. 28-A MRSA §2229, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. B, §5
27 and affected by §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

28 **2. Sale or destruction of forfeited spirits by bureau.** The bureau or the wholesale
29 spirits provider may restock and resell forfeited spirits at agency liquor stores throughout
30 the State or may destroy forfeited spirits by pouring the spirits upon the ground or into a
31 public sewer.

32 **Sec. 276. 28-A MRSA §2504, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
33 §4, is amended to read:

34 A. The intoxicated individual if ~~he~~ the intoxicated individual is at least 18 years of age
35 when served by the server;

36 **Sec. 277. 28-A MRSA §2509, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
37 amended to read:

38 **2. Multiple claimants.** When the amount for all losses, except expenses for medical
39 care and treatment, including devices and aids, awarded to or settled for multiple claimants,
40 exceeds the limit imposed by this section, any party may apply to the Superior Court for

1 the county where the server is located to allocate each claimant ~~his~~ an equitable share of
2 the total, limited as required by this section.

3 A. Any award by the court in excess of the maximum liability limit specified by
4 subsection 1 ~~shall~~ must be automatically abated by operation of this section to the
5 maximum limit of liability.

6 **Sec. 278. 28-A MRSA §2516, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
7 §4, is amended to read:

8 C. Is refused service in a good faith effort to prevent ~~him~~ the individual from becoming
9 visibly intoxicated.

10 **Sec. 279. 28-A MRSA §2516, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A,
11 §4, is amended to read:

12 B. The licensee informs the individual why ~~he~~ the licensee is retaining the
13 identification documents.

14 **Sec. 280. 36 MRSA §1811, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 607, Pt. B,
15 §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

16 (2) Eight percent on the value of liquor sold in licensed establishments as defined
17 in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, in accordance with Title 28-A, chapter 43
18 and liquor sold for on-premises consumption by a licensed brewery, small brewery,
19 winery, small winery, distillery or small distillery pursuant to Title 28-A, section
20 1355-A, subsection 2, paragraph F B;

21 SUMMARY

22 This bill changes the headnote of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, section 2003-A
23 to clarify that this section of law prohibits public drinking.

24 The bill also makes a number of changes to Title 28-A, the State's liquor laws, to
25 standardize the language used in those laws, to correct errors, conflicts, ambiguities,
26 omissions and inconsistencies in those laws and to revise those laws, including by making
27 the following changes.

28 1. It makes a number of changes to address ambiguities, inconsistencies and conflicts
29 in the laws governing certificates of approval, including the following.

30 A. It resolves a conflict in the law by removing in-state manufacturers, that receive
31 licenses, from a provision requiring persons engaged in certain activities to obtain
32 certificates of approval.

33 B. It changes from a certificate of approval to a license the type of authority that a
34 person that operates a special warehouse storage facility must obtain because the laws
35 specific to certificate of approval holders generally do not apply to special warehouse
36 storage facilities. It further clarifies which laws are applicable to licensed special
37 warehouse storage facilities.

38 C. It removes ambiguities by clarifying which of the general qualification and
39 application requirements for liquor licenses apply to applicants for a certificate of
40 approval and by specifying that persons that have been issued certificates of approval

1 are subject to administrative discipline for violating liquor laws and rules under Title
2 28-A, chapter 33 to the same extent as persons that have been issued licenses.

3 D. It removes a conflict in the law by repealing a provision requiring the Department
4 of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery
5 Operations to deposit the yearly fees paid by certificate of approval holders into the
6 General Fund because, under Title 28-A, section 83-B, the bureau is directed to deposit
7 its net revenues in the General Fund.

8 2. It removes ambiguous language from the Title 28-A definitions section stating that
9 only "responsible persons" or "persons of good reputation" may obtain certain types of
10 liquor licenses but retains the general character requirements for licensure set forth in
11 section 654.

12 3. It clarifies that agency liquor stores sell not only spirits but also malt liquor and
13 wine. It moves the definitions of "pool hall" and "minibar" into and the definitions of "club
14 member," "hotel guest," "dining car," "passenger car" and "vessel" out of the subsection of
15 law that provides definitions for the types of establishments eligible to obtain retail liquor
16 licenses. It also ensures consistent use of these defined terms throughout the Title.

17 4. It replaces the word "club" with the word "center" in the statutes describing the
18 requirements for licensure of indoor racquet centers, ice skating centers and curling centers
19 to dispel confusion regarding whether the licensure requirements applicable to clubs apply
20 to these centers. It also corrects several errors in the law that, in combination, suggest
21 curling centers may be licensed to sell only wine and not spirits or malt liquor.

22 5. It makes a number of changes to the laws requiring that certain on-premises retail
23 licensees either offer food to the public or sell a specific amount of food to the public to
24 maintain their eligibility for a liquor license, including:

25 A. Replacing several duplicative definitions of "full course meal" with the
26 substantively identical definition of "full meal" that also appears in current law and
27 ensuring consistent use of this defined term throughout the Title;

28 B. Removing language regarding the service of meals from the definition of "hotel,"
29 because hotels are not required to sell meals to the public under existing law;

30 C. Removing a conflict in current law by specifying that a hotel with a Class I-A
31 license is not required to have 10% of its gross annual income from the sale of food;

32 D. Clarifying that, to calculate whether a hotel that does not have a Class I-A license
33 has satisfied the requirement that at least 10% of its gross annual income be from the
34 sale of food, the hotel's income from the rental of rooms or from the sale of liquor in
35 separately licensed minibars is not included. This new provision matches current
36 practice and mirrors an existing provision of law that excludes income from the
37 bowling business in calculating whether the bowling center has satisfied the
38 requirement that at least 10% of its gross annual income be from the sale of food;

39 E. Clarifying that qualified catering services may be located in unincorporated places
40 and filling an omission in current law by specifying that a licensed part-time qualified
41 catering service that operates for no more than 3 months in a year in a municipality
42 having a population of 20,001 to 30,000 persons must have a minimum annual gross
43 income of \$10,000 from the sale of food to the public;

1 F. Standardizing language regarding the Department of Administrative and Financial
2 Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations' assessment of
3 whether an applicant for an initial on-premises retail license is likely to meet or an
4 applicant for renewal of an on-premises retail license has met any applicable food-sales
5 requirements; and

6 G. Establishing a new one-year grace period for an on-premises retail establishment
7 that applies for license renewal but did not meet an applicable food-sales requirement
8 during the previous year.

9 6. It corrects an error in current law indicating that licensed Class A restaurants and
10 Class A restaurants/lounges must purchase spirits that they will offer to customers as
11 complimentary samples from the bureau and instead provides that those spirits must be
12 purchased from reselling agents.

13 7. It defines "spirits supplier," a previously undefined term, and standardizes the
14 statutory language used to describe spirits suppliers throughout the State's liquor laws,
15 including by removing references to spirits brokers that are now included in the "spirits
16 supplier" definition and removing statutory language made redundant by the new terms. It
17 also newly authorizes spirits suppliers to offer sweepstakes, games and contests inside
18 packages of spirits under the same conditions that licensed Maine manufacturers, wholesale
19 licensees and retail licensees may offer sweepstakes, games and contests inside packages
20 of liquor.

21 8. It replaces the term "liquor," which is defined for purposes of the State's liquor laws
22 to mean malt liquor, wine and spirits, with more specific terms in several statutes when all
23 3 types of alcohol are not intended to be included.

24 9. It removes unnecessary statutory references to fortified wine in statutes that govern
25 wine generally, because "wine" is defined for purposes of the State's liquor laws to include
26 fortified wine.

27 10. It resolves an inconsistency by providing that public service corporation licenses
28 are issued to airline corporations, railroad corporations and vessel corporations and not the
29 individual aircraft, dining cars, passenger cars and vessels that those corporations operate
30 in the State. It also removes a duplicative statute governing public service corporations
31 and standardizes the language used throughout the Title regarding public service
32 corporations.

33 11. It clarifies an ambiguity in the law by specifying that the term "wholesale licensee"
34 as used in the State's liquor laws means only a licensed in-state wholesaler of malt liquor
35 or wine and not an out-of-state wholesaler of malt liquor or wine that has been issued a
36 certificate of approval. It also extends the prohibition against a wholesale licensee selling
37 to another wholesale licensee any malt liquor or wine that has not been purchased from a
38 certificate of approval holder or a licensed special warehouse storage facility to a
39 prohibition against a wholesale licensee selling such products to any purchaser, including
40 a retail licensee.

41 12. It replaces the phrase "wholesale liquor provider" with the phrase "wholesale
42 spirits provider" throughout the State's liquor laws to more accurately describe the scope
43 of that entity's authority in the State. It also removes an inconsistency in the law by
44 specifying that the wholesale spirits provider and the principal officers of the wholesale

1 spirits provider may not hold or have a direct financial interest in an agency liquor store
2 license or a license to manufacture any type of liquor in this State or another state.

3 13. It makes several changes to the laws governing hard cider to address ambiguities
4 and omissions in those laws in a manner that matches current practice, including by making
5 the following changes.

6 A. Although hard cider technically meets the definition of "wine" under existing law,
7 it adds clarifying language expressly stating that hard cider is considered "wine" for
8 purposes of the Title.

9 B. It clarifies that hard cider may be sold by retailers licensed to sell either malt liquor
10 or wine for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

11 C. It provides that hard cider may be sold and distributed within the State by wholesale
12 licensees authorized to sell and distribute either malt liquor or wine within the State.

13 D. It clarifies that hard cider is not subject to the general 60¢ per gallon excise tax on
14 wine set forth in Title 28-A, section 1652, subsection 2. Hard cider products are instead
15 subject only to the 35¢ per gallon excise tax on hard cider set forth in the same
16 subsection.

17 14. It makes several changes to the laws governing low-alcohol spirits products to
18 address ambiguities, inconsistencies and omissions in those laws, including by making the
19 following changes.

20 A. It clarifies that products containing less than 1/2 of 1% of alcohol by volume are
21 not considered low-alcohol spirits products, just as all products containing less than 1/2
22 of 1% of alcohol by volume are not considered liquor and thus not subject to regulation
23 under the Title.

24 B. It newly specifies that licensed Maine distilleries, small distilleries, tenant breweries
25 and rectifiers are authorized to produce low-alcohol spirits products and that licensed
26 Maine breweries, small breweries and tenant breweries are authorized to produce low-
27 alcohol spirits products containing malt liquor. Current law already authorizes licensed
28 Maine wineries and tenant wineries to produce low-alcohol spirits products that contain
29 wine, because these products are included in the definition of "fortified wine."

30 C. It specifies that, as is current practice, low-alcohol spirits products may be sold and
31 distributed within the State by wholesale licensees authorized to sell and distribute
32 wine within the State.

33 D. It clarifies that, as is current practice, low-alcohol spirits products that qualify as
34 fortified wine are not subject to the general 60¢ per gallon excise tax on wine under
35 Title 28-A, section 1652, subsection 2. All low-alcohol spirits products are instead
36 subject to a \$1.24 per gallon excise tax under section 1652, subsection 1-A and a 30¢
37 per gallon low-alcohol spirits product tax under section 1365.

38 15. It replaces the phrase "alcoholic beverages," which is not defined for the purposes
39 of the State's liquor laws, with the appropriate defined terms throughout the liquor laws.

40 16. It combines in a single section of statute the licensing fees for agency liquor stores
41 that are currently listed in separate provisions. It also removes an ambiguity in the law by
42 clarifying that, as is the current practice, agency liquor store licenses grant authority to sell
43 not only spirits but also malt liquor and wine for off-premises consumption.

1 17. It clarifies that an applicant for a liquor license must possess all licenses, permits
2 or approvals required under Title 22 for the applicant's underlying business before applying
3 for the liquor license.

4 18. It removes inconsistencies in several provisions of the liquor laws regarding the
5 types of establishments eligible to obtain auxiliary licenses, off-premises catering licenses
6 and mobile service bar licenses. It also specifies that, as is current practice, when an on-
7 premises retail licensee obtains an off-premises catering license, that license authorizes the
8 licensee to conduct off-premises catering of only the same type or types of liquor that the
9 licensee may sell pursuant to the licensee's underlying on-premises retail license.

10 19. It makes a number of changes to the laws governing liquor taste-testing events and
11 product sampling activities to address ambiguities, inconsistencies and omissions in those
12 laws, including the following.

13 A. It clarifies that the prohibitions against serving liquor to minors or to visibly
14 intoxicated persons apply to all authorized liquor taste-testing and product sampling
15 events.

16 B. It removes a requirement that retailers that seek written permission from the bureau
17 to conduct spirits, wine or malt liquor taste-testing events provide the names of any
18 licensed sales representatives who will be pouring samples at those events.

19 C. It newly specifies who, other than a licensed sales representative, may pour samples
20 at taste-testing and product sampling events. Under the bill, samples may also be
21 poured by an employee of the off-premises or on-premises retailer where the taste-
22 testing or product sampling event takes place or, where applicable, by the owner or
23 employee of the licensed Maine manufacturer that produced the product being tasted
24 or sampled.

25 D. It clarifies an ambiguity by specifying that, other than during an authorized taste-
26 testing or product sampling event, an off-premises retail licensee has a duty to prevent
27 the consumption of liquor on that retail licensee's premises.

28 E. It resolves a conflict in current law by providing that, when an authorized taste-
29 testing event is held on a portion of the premises of an on-premises retail licensee, the
30 bureau must temporarily suspend the authority of the on-premises retail licensee to sell
31 liquor for on-premises consumption in the area designated for the taste-testing event.
32 The on-premises retail licensee may nevertheless continue to sell liquor for on-
33 premises consumption on the portion of its premises that falls outside the area
34 designated for the taste-testing event.

35 F. It fills an omission in the law by specifying that an out-of-state manufacturer that is
36 sponsored by a certificate of approval holder, wholesale licensee or spirits supplier to
37 participate in a taste-testing event may provide for taste testing any spirits, wine or malt
38 liquor produced by the sponsored manufacturer, even though those products are not
39 currently listed for sale in the State.

40 G. It moves the statutory language granting licensed Maine liquor manufacturers the
41 authority to sell their products at certain taste-testing events from the manufacturer
42 licensing statute to the relevant taste-testing event statute for clarity and grants small
43 distilleries new authority to self-distribute their spirits products for sale at these taste-
44 testing events.

1 H. It restricts the types of individuals who may receive partial-bottle samples of spirits
2 or wine under statutes authorizing sampling by retail licensees to the owner and
3 supervisory or managerial employees of the retail licensee. This restriction exists in
4 current law only for the receipt of partial-bottle samples of spirits by employees of
5 agency liquor stores.

6 20. It corrects an error in current law that suggests on-premises retail licenses are
7 issued to international air terminals and instead specifies that on-premises retail licenses
8 may be issued to qualified establishments located within international air terminals.

9 21. It streamlines the process for disposal of spirits subject to a court's forfeiture order
10 by newly authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of
11 Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations or a wholesale spirits provider to choose,
12 without obtaining an additional court order, to destroy the forfeited spirits rather than to
13 restock and resell the forfeited spirits in agency liquor stores.

14 22. It makes a number of changes to the State's laws governing the administration and
15 sale of spirits in the State to address errors and inconsistencies in those laws, including the
16 following.

17 A. It amends conflicting provisions of law regarding the pricing of spirits to clarify
18 that, as is current practice, the State Liquor and Lottery Commission establishes the
19 retail price of spirits and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
20 Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations establishes the wholesale price
21 of spirits, which is the price that agency liquor stores pay to purchase spirits from the
22 bureau. It makes it clear that the bureau makes recommendations to the commission
23 regarding the retail price of spirits sold in the State before the bureau establishes the
24 wholesale price.

25 B. It resolves a conflict in the laws governing the purchase of spirits by removing
26 statutory language suggesting that agency liquor stores may purchase spirits from a
27 wholesale spirits provider and retaining provisions of law correctly stating that agency
28 liquor stores purchase spirits only from the bureau.

29 C. It amends statutory provisions incorrectly suggesting that any agency liquor store
30 may sell or deliver spirits to on-premises retailers and clarifies that only agency liquor
31 stores that are licensed as reselling agents may make these sales and deliveries.

32 23. It makes a number of additional changes to Title 28-A, section 1355-A, the statute
33 governing the licensure of Maine liquor manufacturers, including the following.

34 A. It restores the statutory authority of Maine bottlers and rectifiers to obtain licenses,
35 which authority was unintentionally repealed through Public Law 2019, chapter 529.
36 It also newly specifies the types of sampling activities that may occur on the premises
37 of a licensed Maine bottler or rectifier under current practice.

38 B. It combines in one location several scattered provisions describing the authority of
39 licensed Maine breweries, small breweries, wineries, small wineries, distilleries and
40 small distilleries, at the manufacturing facility where their products are produced, to
41 sell samples of those products to the public or offer samples of those products to the
42 public at no cost. It newly clarifies that samples may not be served to minors or visibly
43 intoxicated persons and that the area of the manufacturing facility where these samples

- 1 are sold or offered need not be separate from and may be accessed by the same entrance
2 as the area of the manufacturing facility that is licensed for on-premises retail sales.
- 3 C. It combines in one location several scattered provisions describing the authority of
4 licensed Maine breweries, small breweries, wineries, small wineries, distilleries and
5 small distilleries, at the manufacturing facility where their products are produced, to
6 sell their products for off-premises consumption.
- 7 D. It moves the provision authorizing Maine breweries and small breweries to sell malt
8 liquor for off-premises consumption in kegs from a generally applicable subsection of
9 the statute to the subsection of the statute specifically applicable to breweries and small
10 breweries.
- 11 E. It moves the provision requiring Maine small breweries and small wineries to keep
12 and maintain records of their sales to retail licensees from a generally applicable
13 subsection of the statute to the 2 subsections of the statute specifically applicable to
14 small breweries and to small wineries.
- 15 F. It clarifies that, as is current practice, when calculating whether a licensed Maine
16 manufacturing facility's one statutorily authorized establishment for on-premises sales
17 has satisfied any applicable statutory requirement that 10% of its gross annual income
18 be from the sale of food, income from the Maine manufacturer's sale of liquor samples
19 or sale of liquor for off-premises consumption is not included.
- 20 G. It clarifies the language of the provision authorizing each licensed Maine brewery,
21 small brewery, winery, small winery, distillery and small distillery to obtain one license
22 to conduct on-premises retail sales per licensed manufacturing facility. It also relaxes
23 the requirements applicable when a distillery or small distillery obtains this type of on-
24 premises retail license by eliminating the requirements that the on-premises retail
25 establishment be a Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge owned by the same
26 person who owns the distillery or small distillery. Instead, under the bill a distillery or
27 small distillery may obtain any type of on-premises retail license as long as the same
28 person or persons holds a majority ownership interest in the on-premises retail license
29 and the distillery or small distillery. These relaxed requirements match the
30 requirements applicable under current law when a licensed brewery, small brewery,
31 winery or small winery obtains this type of on-premises retail license.
- 32 H. It newly authorizes a licensed Maine manufacturer that has its one statutorily
33 authorized licensed establishment for on-premises sales at a location separate from its
34 manufacturing facility to conduct sales of its products for off-premises consumption at
35 that separate licensed location. Under current law, a Maine manufacturer may conduct
36 sales of its products for off-premises consumption at its one licensed establishment for
37 on-premises sales only if the on-premises establishment is located at the manufacturing
38 facility. Similarly, the bill newly specifies that the products that may be sold for off-
39 premises consumption at the separate licensed location include, when the licensed
40 Maine manufacturer is a brewery or a small brewery, malt liquor packaged in refillable
41 containers, commonly referred to as growlers. Under current law, a brewery or small
42 brewery may sell growlers at its one licensed establishment for on-premises sales only
43 if that on-premises establishment is located at the brewery or small brewery.
- 44 I. It resolves a conflict in current law and conforms the law to current practice by
45 specifying that, when a small distillery serves samples of its products at its

1 manufacturing facility, it need not first send those products through the State's spirits
2 warehouse and distribution system.

3 J. It clarifies an ambiguity in the law by explicitly stating that a licensed Maine small
4 winery, which may under current law obtain licenses to conduct off-premises retail
5 sales at up to 2 additional locations other than the manufacturing facility, must pay a
6 \$50 license fee for each of those additional locations. It similarly clarifies that a
7 licensed small distillery, which may under current law also obtain licenses to conduct
8 off-premises retail sales at up to 2 additional locations other than the manufacturing
9 facility, must pay a \$100 license fee for each of those additional locations.

10 K. It corrects an omission in the law and matches current practice by specifying that a
11 tenant brewery or tenant winery seeking licensure may pay the reduced license fee for
12 a small brewery or small winery if it qualifies as a small brewery or small winery.
13 Otherwise, the tenant brewery or tenant winery must pay the higher brewery or winery
14 license fee.

15 24. It reorganizes, clarifies and removes inconsistencies in the laws governing the
16 importation of liquor into and the transportation of liquor within the State. It clarifies that
17 wineries, small wineries and tenant wineries may import spirits or purchase spirits
18 manufactured in the State for the purpose of producing fortified wine and that breweries,
19 small breweries and tenant breweries may import spirits or purchase spirits manufactured
20 in the State for the purpose of producing low-alcohol spirits products containing malt
21 liquor. It also changes the units of measurement applicable to spirits and wine in these
22 provisions from quarts and gallons to liters, which is the unit of measurement typically
23 used when referring to spirits and wine products, and it changes the unit of measurement
24 applicable to malt liquor from gallons to fluid ounces, which is the unit of measurement
25 typically used when referring to malt liquor products.

26 25. It corrects scattered typographical, cross-reference and drafting errors in the Title,
27 including by removing all gendered pronouns as required by Public Law 2019, chapter 475,
28 section 52.