

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 543 - L.D. 1378

**An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the summer season is approaching, which is the busiest time for weddings and other special events to be held at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries and small distilleries; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1.** 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

**11. Provision of liquor at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries or small distilleries.** A qualified catering service may provide the service of liquor at a function or event on the premises of a winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery licensed under section 1355-A as long as the qualified catering service complies with the provisions in subsection 7. A winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery licensed under section 1355-A may host on the premises a function or event under this section up to 4 times in a 7-day period.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.