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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §1, is amended to read:

J. The agency liquor store may conduct up to 3 tastings per month but no more than ~~1224~~ taste-testing events per year, including tastings conducted under sections 1205 and 1207.’

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph N in the 2nd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "For a minimum of 7 days immediately prior" and inserting the following: 'Prior'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph N in the 5th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "annually by January 15th" and inserting the following: 'annually by January 15th 15, 2011'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶O** is enacted to read:

O. An agency liquor store, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct an invitation-only taste-testing event at the agency liquor store's premises in place of or to coincide with a taste-testing event that is open to the public. A taste-testing event that is exclusively invitation only is not subject to the posting requirement in paragraph N.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶H, as amended by PL 2009, c. 459, §2, is further amended to read:

H. The retail licensee may conduct up to 3 tastings per month but no more than ~~1224~~ taste-testing events per year, including tastings conducted under sections 460 and 1207;’

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph L in the 2nd line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "For a minimum of 7 days immediately prior" and inserting the following: 'Prior'

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph L in the 5th line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "annually by January 15th" and inserting the following: 'annually by January 15th 15, 2011'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

‘**Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶M** is enacted to read:

M. An off-premise retail licensee, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct an invitation-only taste-testing event at the off-premise retail licensee's premises in place of or to coincide with a taste-testing event that is open to the public. A taste-testing event that is exclusively invitation only is not subject to the posting requirement in paragraph L.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

‘**Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 459, §4, is amended to read:

H. The retail licensee may conduct up to 3 tastings per month but no more than ~~12~~24 taste-testing events per year, including tastings under section 460 or 1205.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph L in the 2nd line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "For a minimum of 7 days immediately prior" and inserting the following: 'Prior'

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph L in the 5th line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "annually by January 15th" and inserting the following: 'annually by January ~~15th~~ 15, 2011'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶M is enacted to read:

M. An off-premise retail licensee, with prior approval from the bureau, may conduct an invitation-only taste-testing event at the off-premise retail licensee's premises in place of or to coincide with a taste-testing event that is open to the public. A taste-testing event that is exclusively invitation only is not subject to the posting requirement in paragraph L.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the specific time period that a sign announcing an alcoholic beverage taste-testing event must be posted. The amendment also increases the number of events a licensee may conduct from 12 to 24 per year. Finally, the amendment also allows for invitation-only taste-testing events in place of or concurrent with an event open to the public.