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An Act Regarding Dancing on the Premises of Certain Liquor Licensees

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TURNER of Burlington.
Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and
Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox,
MAREAN of Hollis, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PARRY of Arundel, TUELL of East
Machias, WALLACE of Dexter.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1054, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Activities and entertainment prohibited.** ~~Without the~~ The following activities
5 are prohibited on the premises of an establishment licensed to sell liquor to be consumed
6 on the premises unless the licensee has been issued a permit described in subsection 2, no
7 licensee for sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises may allow on the premises the
8 following:

9 A. ~~Any music~~ Music, except music provided by means of a radio or other
10 mechanical device or as provided in paragraph B;

11 B. ~~Any dancing~~ Dancing, except dancing by a person when in conjunction with the
12 singing of a song, the lyrics of which are displayed on a screen or some other
13 mechanism of visual display, commonly known as "karaoke"; or

14 C. Entertainment ~~of any sort.~~

15 **SUMMARY**

16 Current law provides that dancing and some other forms of entertainment are
17 prohibited on the premises of an establishment licensed to sell liquor for consumption on
18 the premises unless the licensee has been issued a special amusement permit from the
19 municipality where the establishment is located. This bill provides that dancing does not
20 include dancing done in conjunction with the singing activity commonly known as
21 "karaoke."