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House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

An Act To Aid Certain Veterans' Organizations

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 SYLVESTER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, DENNO of Cumberland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HANDY of Lewiston, HANLEY of Pittston, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, RISEMAN of Harrison.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1072, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is
3 amended to read:

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

7 A. Licensed veterans' and fraternal organizations and social clubs may sell liquor to
8 members of the same national or affiliated international organization and to members
9 of auxiliaries of the same national or affiliated international organization and their
10 guests accompanying them.

11 B. At the discretion of and by agreement with the commissioner, a licensed veterans'
12 organization may, subject to time-of-day and seasonal limitations defined at the time
13 of license approval, sell liquor to the general public if the organization has a valid
14 license and is located in a municipality with fewer than 5,000 residents or is located
15 on an island off the coast of the State that is provided with ferry service pursuant to
16 Title 23, Part 6 and Title 35-A, chapter 51.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows a licensed veterans' organization, at the discretion of and by
19 agreement with the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, to sell liquor
20 to the general public, subject to time-of-day and seasonal limitations defined at the time
21 of license approval, if the organization has a valid license and is located in a municipality
22 with fewer than 5,000 residents or is located on an island off the coast of the State that is
23 provided with ferry service pursuant to state law.