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An Act To Streamline Certain Regulations on Small Distilleries

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 BECK of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GIDEON of Freeport, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, VEROW of Brewer.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§5, ¶H** is enacted to read:

3 H. A holder of a small distillery license that produces less than 25,000 gallons of
4 spirits per year may satisfy the provisions of paragraph D for its own spirits sold or
5 provided as samples on the licensed premises where the spirits are produced under
6 this section without being required to transport those spirits from the distillery by
7 filing with the bureau a monthly accounting of the spirits sold or provided on the
8 licensed premises for that month and paying the bureau the difference between the
9 distillery's price charged to the bureau and the discounted list price charged by the
10 bureau when a distillery purchases its own spirits and any associated taxes and fees.
11 The bureau shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,
12 subchapter 2-A to allow a small distillery to purchase spirits produced by the
13 distillery to be sold or provided at the licensed premises where the spirits are
14 produced as described in this paragraph.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows a small distillery that produces less than 25,000 gallons of spirits per
17 year to fulfill the provision of law requiring the distillery to sell its product to the State by
18 accounting for spirits it sells or provides as samples on the premises of the distillery
19 without being required to transport those spirits from the distillery by filing a monthly
20 accounting with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of
21 Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations of the spirits sold or provided on the
22 premises for that month and paying the difference between the price at which the
23 distillery sells its spirits to the State and the price at which the distillery purchases back
24 its own spirits from the State and any associated fees and taxes.