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An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth and
Senators: BOYLE of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: CHIPMAN of
Portland, DEVIN of Newcastle, HERBIG of Belfast, MARKS of Pittston, McCABE of
Skowhegan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 629, §12, is
3 further amended to read:

4 E. Those licensed under ~~sections 1052-B or section~~ section 1052-C offering free samples or
5 tastings;

6 **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052-B**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 345, §3 and c. 351, §§1
7 and 2 and c. 368, Pt. XXXX, §1 and affected by §13, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1052-C**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 629, §18, is further
9 amended to read:

10 **§1052-C. Special event license**

11 **1. Special event license.** Malt liquor and wine wholesalers licensed under section
12 1401 and manufacturers licensed under section 1355-A or similarly licensed in another
13 state may apply jointly for a special food and beverage industry taste-tasting event license
14 to participate in a special food and beverage industry taste-testing event under this
15 section. This license authorizes taste-testing of malt liquor, wine, fortified wine and
16 spirits at an event designed to promote the food and beverage or hospitality industry
17 where more than 50% of the participants in the event represent an industry or business
18 that holds a license to manufacture, sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

19 **2. Fee.** The license fee for the special ~~food and beverage industry event taste-testing~~
20 license is \$20 for each wholesaler or manufacturer.

21 **3. Application.** ~~The wholesaler and manufacturer licensees~~ Applicants under
22 subsection 1 must apply jointly for a special food and beverage industry taste-testing
23 event license by filing a written application with the bureau at least 30 5 days before the
24 special food and beverage industry taste-testing event not including Saturdays, Sundays
25 or legal holidays. The bureau shall consider additional written applications to participate
26 in a special event from additional applicants after an initial application for that special
27 event has been submitted to the bureau. The application must include the following:

28 A. The name and address of each ~~licensee~~ applicant;

29 B. The title and purpose of the event;

30 C. The date, time and duration of the event;

31 D. The location of the event; and

32 E. Approval by the municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the
33 municipal officers of the municipality where the proposed special ~~food and beverage~~
34 ~~industry taste-testing~~ event will be located. Notwithstanding section 653, the
35 approval may be granted without public notice.

36 **4. Up to 10 licensed events per year; one event per license.** A manufacturer or
37 wholesaler may obtain up to ~~5~~ 10 licenses under this section per calendar year. Each
38 license permits an event lasting up to 3 consecutive days.

- 1 1. Allowing malt liquor and wine wholesalers and manufacturers similarly licensed in
2 another state to qualify for a special event license;
- 3 2. Increasing the number of licenses for licensed events that may be obtained by a
4 manufacturer or wholesaler per year from 5 to 10;
- 5 3. Allowing additional persons to pour samples of wine and malt liquor at such
6 events;
- 7 4. Allowing a brewery or winery that is not a certificate of approval holder but is
8 licensed for a special event to provide malt liquor or wine for the event when that malt
9 liquor or wine is not registered with the State but is registered with the Federal
10 Government; and
- 11 5. Changing the timing regarding when excise taxes and premiums must be paid.