

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

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H.P. 1205 - L.D. 1725

**An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses**

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

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

**2-B. Grandfathering of certain licenses issued prior to January 1, 2018.** The bureau may not suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license issued under this section or chapter 43 or 45 that was initially issued prior to January 1, 2018 solely on the basis that:

A. The establishment licensed under chapter 43 or 45 was determined by the bureau after the license was issued to not be exclusively held or exclusively owned by a person licensed to manufacture liquor under this section; or

B. The licensee is in violation of section 707, subsection 2, 3 or 4, if the violation existed in the same manner at the time the license was initially issued or at the time the license was renewed.

The prohibition described in this subsection does not apply if the reason for suspension, revocation or refusal to renew is due to the licensee's substantial misrepresentation of or failure to disclose material facts required for the issuance or renewal of the license.