

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

S.P. 576 - L.D. 1734

An Act To Create a Postsecondary Educational Institution Sampling License

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1553 is enacted to read:

§1553. Postsecondary educational institution sampling license

The bureau may issue a postsecondary educational institution sampling license to an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State, referred to in this section as an educational institution, as described by this section.

1. Eligible licensees. The bureau may issue a license under this section to an educational institution, or its agent, that submits an application to the bureau in a manner prescribed by the bureau. The bureau may issue a license under this section only to an educational institution, or its agent, that offers a course or courses involving the hospitality industry, culinary arts or food sciences.

2. Purchase of liquor limited to certain purposes. A licensee under this section may purchase liquor for educational courses conducted by the licensee involving the hospitality industry, culinary arts or food sciences.

Nothing in this subsection prohibits an educational institution licensed under this section from charging a materials fee to students to recoup the cost of liquor used for the purposes described in this section.

3. Consumption of liquor on premises; transport of liquor to premises. A licensee under this section is governed by the provisions of this subsection regarding the consumption of liquor on the educational institution's premises and the transport of liquor to the educational institution's premises.

A. A licensee may permit sampling of the liquor used in conjunction with the educational institution's course or courses involving the hospitality industry, culinary arts or food sciences by a person at least 21 years of age who is:

(1) A member of the faculty or staff of the educational institution who teaches or assists in the hospitality industry, culinary arts or food sciences course or courses;
or

(2) A student enrolled in the hospitality industry, culinary arts or food sciences course or courses.

B. The sampling of liquor authorized under paragraph A must be conducted in accordance with the licensed educational institution's alcohol safety procedures or guidelines.

C. Liquor purchased and transported to the educational institution's premises used in conjunction with the hospitality industry, culinary arts or food sciences course or courses must be clearly labeled with the educational institution's name, license number, date of purchase and course with which the liquor is associated.

4. License fee. The annual fee for a postsecondary educational institution sampling license is \$100.