

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

S.P. 836 - L.D. 2014

**An Act Regarding Spirits Price Review and Recommendations**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §83-C, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Recommendations; review.** Beginning October 1, 2024, and every 2 years thereafter, review the retail prices of spirits sold in the State established by the commission under section 81, subsection 5. The review must include comments provided to the bureau from a public hearing held by the bureau on the retail prices of spirits sold in the State. The bureau shall submit a report of the review conducted under this subsection to the commission and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters. The report may include recommendations regarding the establishment of the retail prices of spirits sold in the State pursuant to subsection 2.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §83-C, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §9, is amended to read:

**6. Rules.** Adopt rules consistent with this Title or other laws of the State for the administration of all laws concerning the sale of spirits. The rules must include a process for developing recommendations to be submitted to the commission regarding the establishment of the retail prices of spirits sold in the State under subsection 2, including, but not limited to, rules regarding the data and other criteria used in developing the recommendations. The rules must establish a process for the bureau to receive public input regarding the proposed recommendations to the commission. In adopting the rules, the bureau shall hold a public hearing. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A;

**Sec. 3. Rulemaking.** On or before September 1, 2024, the State Liquor and Lottery Commission, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 14, shall initiate rulemaking to establish procedures for the conduct of adjudicatory hearings pursuant to Title 28-A, section 81, subsection 5.