

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

S.P. 444 - L.D. 1358

**Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations  
To Evaluate Direct-to-consumer Wine and Spirits Sales**

**Sec. 1. Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations review.**

**Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall review and evaluate the direct shipment of wine to consumers in the State under current law, identifying potential areas of concern including, but not limited to, evaluating the impact to the State of exempting direct-shipped wine from the State's beverage container law. The bureau shall further review the relevant laws and procedures in each state that authorizes spirits manufacturers to sell and ship spirits directly to consumers in that state. In conducting these reviews, the bureau shall consult with stakeholders affected by the direct shipment of wine and spirits to consumers in the State including, but not limited to, licensed wineries and small wineries; licensed distilleries and small distilleries; retailers licensed to sell wine and spirits for off-premises consumption; wholesale licensees licensed to sell wine; and bottle redemption centers.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall, by February 15, 2023, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters summarizing its findings under section 1 and recommendations related to the direct shipment of wine to consumers in the State, the feasibility of allowing in-state and out-of-state spirits manufacturers to sell and ship spirits directly to consumers in the State and the impact that direct-to-consumer spirits sales may have on consumer spirits choice and state revenues. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters may report out legislation based upon the report to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

**Sec. 3. Transfer from Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6054, subsection 4, or any other provision of law to the contrary, and in addition to any amount authorized by law to be transferred in fiscal year 2022-23, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank shall transfer \$100,000 on or before June 30, 2023 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund, established in Title 30-A, section 6054, subsection 1, to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services to complete a study regarding the direct shipment of wine and spirits to customers.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>