

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 98 - L.D. 116

An Act To Extend the Duration of Temporary Licenses for Sale and Consumption of Liquor

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this Act extends the permissible duration of a temporary license for the sale of alcoholic beverages that may be issued to an incorporated civic organization from 7 consecutive days to 10 consecutive days; and

Whereas, it is necessary that this Act take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure that agricultural fairs that take place in the summer and fall may obtain licenses of the necessary length; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1071, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §97, is further amended to read:

3. Length of licenses. One license issued under this section to each incorporated civic organization is valid for up to ~~7~~ 10 consecutive days. The other 4 licenses for which the incorporated civic organization is eligible are valid for one day each. The bureau may not issue separate licenses under this section to the same incorporated civic organization for events or gatherings held on consecutive days.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.