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In Senate, April 24, 2013

An Act To Grow the Maine Economy by Promoting Maine's Small Breweries and Wineries

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative LIBBY of Lewiston and
Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, JONES of Freedom,
NOON of Sanford.

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

- **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §76, is further amended to read:
 - **2. Fee.** The license fee for the off-premise catering license is \$10 \$50 per event or gathering per calendar day of the event or gathering.
 - **Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052-B, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 629, §17, is further amended to read:
 - 1. Special taste-testing festival license. Malt liquor manufacturers licensed under section 1401 and manufacturers of malt liquor or wine licensed as small breweries or small wineries under section 1355-A may apply jointly for an additional license to participate in a special taste-testing festival under this section. A small brewery or small winery from another state may participate in a special taste-testing festival under this section. The special taste-testing festival license is valid for no more than 3 consecutive days and may be issued once annually. The bureau may issue up to 5 festival licences per year; only one of the licenses may be issued to a person that is not a trade association representing breweries or wineries

17 SUMMARY

This bill sets the number of special taste-testing festival licenses statewide at 5 per year, and requires 4 of the 5 licenses to be issued to a trade association that represents breweries or wineries. The bill allows small breweries and wineries from other states to participate in special taste-testing festivals. This bill increases the fee for a special taste-testing festival license from \$10 to \$50 per day of the festival and clarifies that the event, rather than a participant, is licensed.