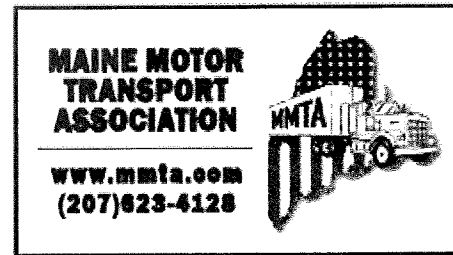


**TESTIMONY OF  
Brian Parke  
L.D. 1695, "An Act to Provide for the  
Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers"**



Good morning, Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Committee On Veterans and Legal Affairs. My name is Brian Parke and I am the President and CEO of the Maine Motor Transport Association and a resident of Brunswick. The Association is comprised of more than 1,700 member companies, whose employees make up a large portion of the 34,000 people who make their living in the trucking industry in Maine.

I am here to testify neither for nor against LD 1695 and to provide additional information relative to the common carrier component of the legislation.

If the result of passing this bill is that common carriers need to follow the exact same regulations as they do for Direct to Consumer Wine deliveries outlined in MRSA Title 28-A, § 1403-A then we probably wouldn't be weighing in on this bill. The members we have heard from on this bill are comfortable with the standard data elements they capture now, including who the package is from, who it is being sent to, the weight and the tracking number. What they would not be comfortable with, and would object to, is if there were any additional data elements added for things they do not have access to now such as total number of cases, quantity and purchase price of each shipment. That additional information, if included, would need to be reported by the shipper, not the carrier.

Thank you for allowing me to testify and provide our perspective on the bill. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee has now or at the Work Session.