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Testimony of Representative Laura Supica introducing
LD 2148, An Act to Establish Common Carrier Reporting for the Direct Shipment of Wine
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Good morning, Senator Hickman and fellow members of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, I am Representative Laura Supica and I am honored to represent part of Bangor in the Maine Legislature. Today, I present to you **LD 2148, An Act to Establish Common Carrier Reporting for the Direct Shipment of Wine.**

This bill comes from the department and would amend the laws governing the direct shipment of wine to more clearly outline expectations around reporting. The bill would require quarterly reporting to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (BABLO) by what we refer to in statute as “common carriers,” which are companies that deliver direct shipments of wine along regular routes, charging set rates.

The bill would also change the reporting requirement for direct shippers from annual reports to quarterly reports. It would establish record retention requirements for direct shippers and common carriers and require that a shipping label specifically indicate the address of the recipient.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce this legislation. I am happy to try and answer any questions you may have, but would recommend you reserve your questions for the department who will follow.