



**DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL**  
OF THE UNITED STATES

March 5, 2025

Hon. Craig Hickman, Chair  
Hon. Laura Supica, Chair  
Maine Joint Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Statement on LD 683  
Support

Chairs Hickman and Supica and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee:

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, a national trade association representing producers and marketers of distilled spirits and importers of wines sold in the United States with regard to LD 683.

As former Chairman of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission – another control state, like Maine – I can speak personally to the importance of BABLO's role in knowing who is licensed. Unfortunately, the policy laid out in BABLO's Advisory Memorandum of June 16, 2023 added significant complexity that would make it incredibly difficult and burdensome for numerous independent, family-owned and controlled businesses to comply.

We were grateful to see the introduction of LD 683 and to engage in discussion on this matter with our members, other industry stakeholders, and BABLO officials and staff, all of which has helped lead to the introduction of this bill. The language of the bill represents a good solution to the problem.

We appreciate your consideration of our views regarding LD 683. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by telephone at 207-831-8285 or by email at [andy.deloney@distilledspirits.org](mailto:andy.deloney@distilledspirits.org), or our Maine counsel, Andy Hackman or Nina Fisher.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs