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**Resolve, To Update Maine's Liquor Laws** 

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock. Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: COLLINS of York, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: SUTTON of Warren, TURNER of Burlington.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development and Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic 2 3 Beverages and Lottery Operations to convene study group. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of 4 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery 5 6 Operations shall convene a study group consisting of representatives of appropriate state agencies and stakeholders, including alcoholic beverage producers, distributors and 7 8 retailers and representatives of entities that enforce the laws governing alcoholic 9 beverages. The study group shall review and propose revisions to the laws governing alcoholic beverages to eliminate outdated laws, respond to industry concerns and support 10 11 the State's emerging craft beer, wine and liquor industry. The study group shall develop recommendations regarding changes to the laws governing alcoholic beverages, and the 12 departments shall submit a report and recommendations, together with any necessary 13 implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs 14 no later than December 6, 2017. After receipt and review of the report, the committee 15 16 may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

## SUMMARY

18 This resolve requires the Department of Economic and Community Development and 19 the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages 20 and Lottery Operations to convene a study group consisting of representatives of 21 appropriate state agencies and stakeholders, including alcoholic beverage producers, 22 distributors and retailers and representatives of entities that enforce the laws governing 23 alcoholic beverages, to review and propose revisions to the laws governing alcoholic beverages to eliminate outdated laws, respond to industry concerns and support the State's 24 25 emerging craft beer, wine and liquor industry.

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