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## **An Act To Permit Brew Pubs To Sell Half-gallon Containers of Malt Liquor**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1355, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Limited sale of malt liquor for off-premises consumption from on-premises establishment.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a brewery or small brewery licensed in accordance with this section may sell from the establishment at the site of the brewery licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises malt liquor to be consumed off the premises under the conditions specified in this subsection.

- A. Only malt liquor brewed at the brewery where the on-premises establishment is licensed may be sold to patrons of the on-premises establishment.
- B. Malt liquor must be dispensed in bottles from 32 ounces to 64 ounces in volume provided by and unique to the brewery.
- C. No more than 6 bottles may be prefilled at any one time.
- D. A deposit may be charged per bottle. Bottles sold under this subsection are not subject to Title 32, chapter 28.
- E. The bottle in which the malt liquor is dispensed must be sealed by the licensee with a seal that is tamper evident.
- F. Malt liquor dispensed in accordance with this subsection must be consumed off the premises.
- G. All sales of malt liquor from the on-premises establishment for off-premises consumption must be accompanied by a sales receipt with a time stamp that indicates time of purchase.
- H. Sale of malt liquor from the on-premises establishment for off-premises consumption may not be made after 10:00 p.m.

The bureau is authorized to adopt rules necessary to enforce this subsection. Rules adopted in accordance with this subsection are routine technical rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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