

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 627 - L.D. 853

**An Act To Facilitate Weekend Malt Liquor Purchases by Licensed  
Establishments**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1201, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

**3-B. Weekend sale of malt liquor to on-premises retailers.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title to the contrary, a retailer licensed under this section for off-premises consumption may sell and deliver malt liquor to a retailer licensed under section 1051 for on-premises consumption on the weekend during the authorized hours for the wholesale sale and delivery of liquor set forth in section 4, subsection 1, paragraph D under the following conditions:

A. The retailer licensed for on-premises consumption shall provide immediate notification in a form prescribed by the bureau by the 2nd business day after making a purchase under this subsection;

B. The retailer licensed for on-premises consumption shall provide immediate notification to the wholesaler licensed under section 1401 that supplies malt liquor to that retailer that the retailer purchased malt liquor from an off-premises licensee in the wholesaler's assigned territory;

C. The retailer licensed for on-premises consumption may not purchase more than 10 gallons of malt liquor on a single weekend and shall purchase the malt liquor from a retailer licensed for off-premises consumption that is located in the same sales territory as the wholesaler licensed under section 1401 that supplies malt liquor to the retailer licensed for on-premises consumption;

D. The requirements of section 705, subsection 1 apply to purchases of malt liquor under this subsection; and

E. The retailer licensed for on-premises consumption may not purchase malt liquor under this subsection on more than 2 weekends in a single calendar year.

For the purposes of this subsection, "weekend" means the time period between 4:00 p.m. Friday and midnight Sunday.

**Sec. 2. Rulemaking.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall, as soon as practicable, amend its rule Chapter 101: Operation and Control of All Licensed Premises, section 15 to permit on-premises retail licensees to purchase malt liquor from off-premises retail licensees during weekend hours in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 1201, subsection 3-B.