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(Neither for Nor Against) LD 1082

An Act Concerning the Ability of Off-premises Liquor Licensees To Dispense  
Liquor in Sealed Refillable Containers

Hearing Date: April 24, 2013  
Veterans and Legal Affairs

**Sponsored by:** Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot

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Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal  
Affairs;

My name is Lt. Scott Ireland and I am here to represent the Maine State Police and the Department of Public Safety to testify Neither for Nor Against LD 1082, "An Act Concerning the Ability of Off-premises Liquor Licensees To Dispense Liquor in Sealed Refillable Containers."

We are concerned that there are some terms used in the bill that are not defined or explained. One example of this is the term, "sealed refillable container." Under current law this could be anything under 20 gallons. With this proposed legislation it would be possible to refill small kegs from larger kegs. We would like to see sealed refillable containers defined as far as size and what would constitute a sealed container. Would a screw on cap be considered a sealed container or does it need have a tamper evident seal? Another concern would be who is going to provide the containers. Is this intended for customers to bring in their containers or are the licensees going to be using their own refillable containers. It is also unclear if the licensees will be able

to prepackage any sealed refillable containers for sale. Without some clarification in the areas mentioned above, it will make compliance and enforcement measures very difficult. We ask that these concerns be considered as this legislation moves forward.

We look forward to working with Senator GRATWICK and the interested parties to see that their concerns are addressed and we would be happy to assist the committee at any work sessions for this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.