

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

S.P. 513 - L.D. 1620

An Act To Support Maine Theaters by Expanding Eligibility for Off-premises Catering Licenses

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is critically important that this legislation take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow auditoriums, civic auditoriums and performing arts centers to provide off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor at outdoor events or gatherings during the upcoming summer tourist season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 236, §1, is further amended to read:

3. ~~Off-premise~~ Off-premises catering license. A Class A restaurant, hotel, bed and breakfast ~~or~~, club, auditorium, civic auditorium or performing arts center licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor may obtain a license to conduct ~~off-premise~~ off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor as provided in section 1052.

A. The license fee per calendar day of the event or gathering is\$10.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 236, §3, is further amended to read:

1. ~~Off-premise~~ Off-premises catering license for sale of liquor ~~off-premise off~~ premises. Class A restaurants, Class A lounges, Class A restaurant/lounges, hotels, bed and breakfasts ~~and~~, clubs, auditoriums, civic auditoriums and performing arts centers licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor may apply for an additional license to conduct off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor at planned events or gatherings to be held at locations other than the licensee's premises under this section.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.