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## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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## S.P. 442 - L.D. 1073

## An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §42, is further amended to read:

**2. Bureau registration required; exceptions.** Malt liquor, wine, hard cider or a low-alcohol spirits product may not be sold in the State unless the container in which the malt liquor, wine, hard cider or low-alcohol spirits product is sold bears a label registered with the bureau. This subsection does not apply to:

A. Liquor sold by the manufacturer for on-premises consumption pursuant to section 1355-A, subsection 2, paragraph B or I; or

B. Liquor sold by a Maine manufacturer in a keg to an on-premises retail licensee.; or

C. Malt liquor, wine, hard cider or a low-alcohol spirits product sold by the manufacturer bearing a label approved by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. A manufacturer seeking an exception under this paragraph shall provide the bureau with notice of all products sold by that manufacturer in this State that meet the requirements of this paragraph.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 46, §2, is amended to read:

**3. Fees.** The fees for registering a label with the bureau under subsection 2 are as follows.

A. The fee for the initial label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C is $10.

B. The fee for changing a label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C is $1.

C. The annual renewal fee is $1 for each registered label or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C. Renewal of a label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C must coincide with renewal of the relevant license or certificate of approval.