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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 342, §76, is further amended to read:

2. Fee. The license fee for the off-premise catering license is ~~$10~~ $50 per event or gathering per calendar day of the event or gathering.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 629, §17, is further amended to read:

1. Special taste-testing festival license. Malt liquor manufacturers licensed under section 1401 and manufacturers of malt liquor or wine licensed as small breweries or small wineries under section 1355-A may apply jointly for an additional license to participate in a special taste-testing festival under this section. A small brewery or small winery from another state may participate in a special taste-testing festival under this section. The special taste-testing festival license is valid for no more than 3 consecutive days ~~and may be issued once annually~~. The bureau may issue up to 5 festival licences per year; only one of the licenses may be issued to a person that is not a trade association representing breweries or wineries

SUMMARY

This bill sets the number of special taste-testing festival licenses statewide at 5 per year, and requires 4 of the 5 licenses to be issued to a trade association that represents breweries or wineries. The bill allows small breweries and wineries from other states to participate in special taste-testing festivals. This bill increases the fee for a special taste-testing festival license from $10 to $50 per day of the festival and clarifies that the event, rather than a participant, is licensed.