

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1818

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8 S. P. 760 In Senate, January 13, 1982
9 Submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration pur-
suant to Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence. Ordered sent forthwith.

10 MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Charette of Androscoggin.

Cosponsor: Representative Soulas of Bangor.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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17 AN ACT to Permit the Establishment of
18 Additional Agency Stores on a Seasonal Basis.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 28 MRSA §153, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1979, c.
22 117, §1, is further amended to read:

23 The State Liquor Commission shall have authority to li-
24 cense and regulate, in cities, towns and unorganized ter-
25 ritories which have voted in favor of the operation of state
26 stores under local option provisions and where there are no
27 state stores, and on islands which are within cities, towns
28 and unorganized territories where there are state stores but
29 which are not connected to those cities, towns and unorgan-
30 ized territories by bridge and which have no state stores on

1 them, retailers as special agency stores on an annual,
2 seasonal or temporary basis for the purposes of selling liq-
3 uor in sealed bottles, containers or original packages for
4 consumption off the premises. The liquor shall be sold by
5 the State Liquor Commission, to the special agency stores
6 pursuant to section 204. The commission shall not license
7 any additional agency stores on an annual basis which would
8 be within a 10-mile radius of a state store or agency store.
9 The commission may license, on a seasonal or temporary basis
10 only, additional agency stores that are within a 10-mile
11 radius of a state store or agency store. If a state or
12 agency store closes, it may not be replaced if there is
13 another state or agency store within a 10-mile radius,
14 except that, after the closing of any agency store which was
15 licensed prior to December 1, 1979 and which is within a
16 10-mile radius of a state store or another agency store,
17 that agency store may be replaced once after December 1,
18 1979.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The purpose of this bill is to enable the commission to
21 establish agency stores in areas of heavy tourist concentra-
22 tion. During some seasons, many areas of our State become
23 congested with people and establishment of seasonal agency
24 stores will eliminate some of the traffic congestion in
25 these areas.

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