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SECOND REGULA	
ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE	
Legislative Document	No. 1895
H. P. 1918 House of Representations Filed by the Joint Standing Committee Rule 18. Approved by the Legislative Coun Reported by Representative Cox from fairs and 1,500 ordered printed under Join	cil, June 4, 1981. In the Committee on Legal Af-
STATE OF M	AINE
IN THE YEAR OF NINETEEN HUNDRED	
AN ACT to Equalize the throughout the	
Be it enacted by the People of the S	State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 28 MRSA §157 is enacte	ed to read:
§157. Prices	
1. General prices. The common be charged for liquor sold in Prices shall be determined in accepted marketing principles, exception throughout the State and be given to the state's interest in contract.	state or agency stor ordance with generally ot that prices shall rem proper consideration sl
2. Discount or discontinued	d items. The commiss
may, with the approval of the Com Administration, reduce the price	missioner of Finance a

discontinued for a period of at least 6 months after item has been listed and on sale in state stores.

- 1 3. Revenues. All net revenue derived from liquor sales by the commission shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund.
- 4 Sec. 2. 28 MRSA §451, as last amended by PL 1979, 5 c.307, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§451. Excise tax on wines

There is levied and imposed an excise tax of 75¢ per gallon, or its metric equivalent, on wines containing more than 14% alcohol by volume.

Taxes on spiritous or vinous liquors by the State do not apply to spiritous or vinous liquors sold by wholesalers, manufacturers, bottlers and rectifiers holding licenses from the commission to any instrumentality of the United States, to any vessel of foreign registry or to industrial establishments for use as an ingredient in the manufacture of commodities which by reason of their nature cannot be used for beverage purposes. The commission is specifically authorized to make such rules as it deems necessary for carrying out this paragraph.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill places the liquor price-setting authority with the State Liquor Commission, rather than setting a statutory mark-up, or "consumers' tax," as in present law.

Under this bill, the prices determined by the commission apply uniformly statewide.

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