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	5 6	ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
	7 8	Legislative Document No. 1972
٦	9	H. P. 1996 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concur- rence and ordered printed.
	10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Carter of Winslow. Cosponsors: Representative Fitzgerald of Waterville and Senator Teague of Somerset.
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	12 13	STATE OF MAINE
	14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
	17 18 19 20	AN ACT Relating to the Closing of State Liquor Stores in Communities with One Store.
•	21 22 23	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
	24 25 26	Whereas, several state and agency liquor stores located in communities with only one store are scheduled to close at the end of February 1982; and
	27 28 29 30	Whereas, unless the 10-mile restriction is changed it will be impossible to replace the stores in those communi- ties if there is a state or agency store within 10 miles; and
	31 32 33 34	Whereas, it is important that this change be made before the existing stores are closed or very soon there- after so that replacement stores can be provided for in those communities; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these 2 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-3 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as 4 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public 5 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

7 28 MRSA §153, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1979, c.
8 117, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new sen9 tence to read:

10 The 10-mile restriction contained in this section shall not 11 apply to the replacement of a state or agency store located 12 in a municipality which does not have another state or 13 agency store, provided that the new store is opened within 14 one year of the closing of the store which it is replacing.

15 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in16 the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The purpose of this bill is to make the 10-mile re-19 striction inapplicable when the state or agency store being 20 closed is the only liquor store in the municipality. In 21 this case, the store being closed could be replaced by a 22 state or agency store even if there were another state or 23 agency store within a 10-mile radius.

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