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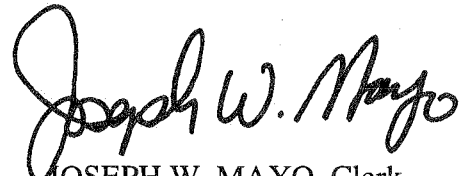
No. 574

H.P. 424

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

**Resolve, to Authorize the Secretary of State to Propose Legislation to
Establish Package Stores for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, LEMAIRE of Lewiston.

2 **Sec. 1. Secretary of State shall establish a package store system.**
3 **Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall propose legislation
4 to establish a package store system for the purpose of selling
5 liquor, beer and wine in the State. The Secretary of State must
6 include in the proposed legislation the following provisions:

7 1. The annual license fee is \$10,000 and may be resold to
8 another purchaser upon notification to the Secretary of State;

9 2. No limit may be established on the number of stores
10 located in the State;

11 3. Any package store located within an existing facility
12 must be separated by a door and maintain a separate accounting
13 system; and

14 4. Seventy-five percent of the liquor taxes collected must
15 be paid to the municipality in which the package store is located
16 and 25% must be paid to the Treasurer of State; and be it further
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18 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall
19 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans
20 Affairs the necessary implementing legislation to carry out the
21 purposes of this resolve on or before January 15, 1998.

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SUMMARY

29 This resolve authorizes the Secretary of State to draft
30 proposed legislation to create a package store system to sell
31 beer, wine and liquor in Maine. The Secretary of State must
32 submit the proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee
33 on Legal and Veterans Affairs.