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H.P. 311

House of Representatives, February 14, 2013

An Act To Allow Businesses with More than 5,000 Square Feet of Interior Customer Selling Space To Open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, GOODE of Bangor, JOHNSON of Eddington,
WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3204, sub-§2, ¶HH, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §55 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

HH. Stores with more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space that engage in retail sales and that do not require, as a condition of employment, that their employees work on Sundays. If an employer decreases the average weekly work hours of an employee who has declined to work on Sundays, it is prima facie evidence that the employer has required Sunday work as a condition of employment in violation of this section, unless the employer and employee agreed that the employee would work on Sundays when the employee was initially hired. In no event, however, may any store having more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

14 SUMMARY

This bill allows a business with more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space to open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.