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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
102ND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 745, L.D. 982, Bill, "An Act Relating to Operation of Retail Stores on Sundays and Certain Holidays."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 1. R.S., T. 17, §3204, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3204 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'This section shall not apply to: The operation or maintenance of common, contract and private carriers; taxi cabs; airplanes; newspapers; radio and television stations; hotels, motels, rooming houses, tourist and trailer camps; restaurants; garages and motor vehicle service stations; retail monument dealers; automatic laundries; drug stores; greenhouses; seasonal stands engaged in sale of farm produce, dairy products, sea food or Christmas trees; public utilities; industries normally kept in continuous operation, including but not limited to pulp and paper plants and textile plants; processing plants handling agricultural produce or products of the sea; ship chandleries; marinas; establishments primarily selling boats, boating equipment, sporting equipment, souvenirs and novelties; motion picture theatres; sports and athletic events; musical concerts; religious, educational, scientific or philosophical lectures; scenic, historic, recreational and amusement facilities; real estate brokers and real estate salesmen; establishments selling food, clothing and materials for shelter; provided that this section shall not exempt the businesses or facilities specified in sections 3205, 3206 and 3207 from closing in any municipality until the requirements of those sections have been met; stores wherein no more than 5 persons, including the proprietor, are employed in the usual and regular conduct of business; stores which have no more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space, excluding back room storage, office and processing space.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, §3204-A, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3204-A to read as follows:

'§3204-A. Local option

In any city or town that shall vote as hereinafter provided, it shall be lawful to keep open to the public on the Lord's Day and aforementioned holidays, other places of business not exempted under section 3204. This provision shall not be effective in any municipality until a majority of the legal voters, present and voting at any regular election, so vote. The question in appropriate terms may be submitted to the voters at any such election by the municipal officers thereof, and shall by them be so submitted when thereto requested in writing by 100 legal voters therein at least

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21 days before such regular election; nor shall it be effective in any town until an article in such town warrant so providing shall have been adopted at an annual town meeting. When a city or town has voted in favor of adopting the provisions hereof, said provisions shall remain in effect therein until repealed in the same manner as provided for their adoption. " "

Filed by Mr. Farrington of South China.

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