

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Sunday Sale of Liquor.

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

R. S., T. 28, § 4, repealed and replaced. Section 4 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

§ 4. Business days and hours

No liquor shall be sold in this State on Sundays except as provided, and no licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent shall between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. sell or deliver any liquors, except no liquors shall be sold or delivered on Saturdays after 11:45 p.m. Liquor may be sold on January 1st of any year from midnight to 2 a.m. unless January 1st falls on Sunday. Liquor may be sold in any municipality on the day of holding a general election or state-wide primary only after the closing of the polls in such municipality. Except as provided, no licensee shall permit the consumption of liquors on his premises on Sundays, or after 15 minutes past the hours prohibited for sale thereof, except by bona fide guests in their rooms. No liquor shall be sold in this State on May 30th prior to 12 noon. The hours of selling or delivering referred to shall be United States Eastern Standard Time.

Any person, except an officer in performance of his duties, who purchases liquor on Sunday, in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the same penalty provided in this section for Sunday sale of liquor.

Any licensee by himself, clerk, servant or agent, except as hereafter provided, who sells liquor on Sunday shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and costs, and a penalty of not less than 2 months nor more

than 6 months in jail, at the discretion of the court; and in default of fine and costs an additional penalty by imprisonment for 6 months. Any clerk, servant, agent or other person in the employment of a licensee, who violates or in any manner aids or assists in violating the law relating to Sunday sale of liquor, shall suffer like penalties.

Licensed hotels, class A restaurants and clubs, as defined under section 2, and retail stores as defined by section 751, shall have the right to sell liquors on Sundays between the hours of 12 noon and 9 p.m. and such sales may be made during such time by the licensee himself, a clerk, servant or agent.

On premises licensees, exercising the right to sell liquors under this section, shall pay in addition to the fee now provided in section 701 the sum of \$100, and retail stores shall pay an additional \$25.

Any violation by a licensee of this section or commission rules and regulations related thereto, upon conviction after hearing before the Hearing Commissioner, shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or right to sell on Sunday, or both.'