

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 582

In Senate, January 6, 1970

Committee on Liquor Control suggested.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND SEVENTY

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**AN ACT** Relating to Definition of Hotel Under Liquor Law.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 104th Legislature enacted legislation which defined a hotel under the liquor laws as a place which had at least 14 adequate sleeping rooms when located in a municipality of 3,000 or less; and

Whereas, this legislation has proved to be an extreme hardship on many hotel owners; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent many people from being deprived of a living because it will be necessary for them to go out of business; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**R. S., T. 28, § 2, sub-§ 9, amended.** The 4th paragraph of subsection 9 of section 2 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 165 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

Nothing in this subsection shall be held to prevent the commission from issuing part-time licenses to bona fide part-time hotels. The above requirements with respect to number of rooms shall not apply to premises licensed on August 13, 1947; **nor shall the above requirements with respect to 14 adequate sleeping rooms apply to premises licensed during 1969.**

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