

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 378

House of Representatives, February 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hodgdon of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Operation of State Liquor Stores.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 28, § 204, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 204 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 44 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

The commission shall sell to such licensees spirituous and vinous liquor, except table wine, for a price of 10% less than the retail price ~~in state retail stores established for the state retail store where the purchase is made~~ provided that such discount shall not apply to federal taxes levied on and after November 1, 1941.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 28, § 451, amended. The first paragraph of section 451 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 14 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the commission with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration may reduce the price of liquor in any of its stores but in no event shall the prices be reduced to an amount which would produce an effective state liquor tax of less than 40% based on the less carload cost F.O.B. State Liquor Commission warehouse or based on the minimum truckload delivery prices F.O.B. State Liquor Commission warehouse, as appropriate.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is, at the discretion of the Liquor Commission, to reduce the price of liquor sold at certain state stores in order to meet competitors' prices.