

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 509**

H. P. 397

House of Representatives, February 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on Liquor Control. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Relieve Pollution Resulting from Malt Liquor Sales.**

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

R. S., T. 28, § 757, additional. Title 28 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 757 to read as follows:

§ 757. Malt liquor sales in kegs

The Liquor Commission shall not deny the wholesale or retail sale of malt liquor in kegs or any fractions thereof to any purchaser entitled to purchase malt liquor.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Act as proposed would prohibit the Liquor Commission from limiting the sale of kegged beers to licensees which they did by regulation.

The regulation passed by the Liquor Commission prohibits the sale of kegged beer in larger containers than 3 gallons to individuals. This has prevented individuals from purchasing beer in kegs for picnics, parties and similar events. Beer for these events now must be purchased in smaller containers, resulting in the accumulation of a fantastic amount of litter when compared with the use of kegged beer.

This law would force the Liquor Commission to rescind its previous regulation and would provide relief of the environmental pollution by the litter of cans, bottles, and paper and cardboard containers.