

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McCloskey of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Repealing the Prohibition Against Public Dancing on Sunday.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 3202, amended.** Section 3202 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 3202. Computation by standard time**

To determine when the Lord's Day begins and ends under section 3204 as it applies to ~~public dancing~~ diversion, show or entertainment, the hours shall be United States Eastern Standard time.

**Sec. 2. 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; **public dancing**; 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; 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.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.