

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1181

H. P. 856

House of Representatives, February 25, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Sale Price of Liquor.

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 The 2nd sentence of section 204 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 44 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows: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 amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

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

This bill would allow the State Liquor Commission to utilize its discretion in reducing prices, up to a stated amount, in order to effectively meet competition from liquor stores in other jurisdictions located around the borders of the State of Maine.