

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1261

H. P. 915

House of Representatives, March 2, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Wholesale Purchase of Wine and Malt Beverages by
Food Servicing Organizations for International Travel.

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

R. S., T. 28, § 55, sub-§ 20, additional. Section 55 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 20, to read as follows:

20. Food servicing organizations. To adopt rules, requirements and regulations permitting food servicing organizations catering to passengers on international flights or cruises by air or water to purchase wine and malt beverages from wholesale outlets or distributors, providing such wine and malt beverages are resold for consumption during international travel.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Bangor International Airport. Portland International Ferry and the International Ferry plying between Bar Harbor and Nova Scotia services tens of thousands of international passengers each year. The food servicing corporations to such airlines and cruises sell food, liquor, beer and wines to such carriers for consumption in transit. Until January 1st of this year, they have been able to purchase their wine needs from our state stores. Now that table wines are being sold by beer wholesalers and not by our state stores, they must purchase their table wines at local grocery stores and pay the full retail price. Because of the large volume of business they do, it seems reasonable that they should be able to purchase their table wine needs from beer and wine wholesalers as they now are able to do with beer.