

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 562

H. P. 413

House of Representatives, January 31, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brown of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Liquor Licenses at Augusta Civic Center.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Augusta Civic Center has just been opened on January 7, 1973; and

Whereas, it is essential that said Civic Center carry on its activities as often as possible, at as full a capacity as possible and with as large revenues as possible in order to fund the cost thereof and provide its programs for the people of the area and the adjacent University of Maine at Augusta; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**R. S., T. 28, § 301, amended.** The first sentence of section 301 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

No new hotel, restaurant, tavern or club licenses shall be granted under this Title to new premises within 300 feet of a public or private school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house in existence as such at the time such new license is applied for, measured from the main entrance of the premises to the main entrance of the school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house by the ordinary course of travel, except such premises as

were in use as hotels or clubs on July 24, 1937 and **except for licenses for operations held within the Augusta Civic Center.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the selling of alcoholic beverages by caterers and at concessions at the Augusta Civic Center. It is essential that revenues be as large as possible and accruing as soon as possible to meet the financial requirements of the center.