

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 781

H. P. 630

House of Representatives, February 26, 1975

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Prohibit Retail Stores from Marking Previously
Priced Items with Higher Prices.

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

17 MRSA § 3967 is enacted to read:

§ 3967. Higher repricing of previously priced retail items prohibited

No person or corporation owning or employed by a retail store shall mark a price on any retail item set out on shelves or put on display which is higher than any price previously marked on the item. No person or corporation owning or employed by any retail store shall sell any retail item at a price which is higher than the price marked on that item. Any person or corporation violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$75 for each offense.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The cost to a retail store of an item for sale does not change after the item has been delivered to the store by a supplier. Any change of the price marked on a shelved item to a higher price is therefore just extra profit to the store. This bill will prohibit any retail store from marking up prices on any shelved or displayed items and will prohibit those stores from selling any retail item at a price higher than the price marked on the item.