

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 928

H. P. 753

House of Representatives, March 6, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bowie of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Distribution of Wine to Retail Stores.

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

28 MRSA § 501, last ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 360, § 17, is further amended to read:

Licensed Maine wine bottlers and wineries are authorized to sell to licensed Maine ~~wholesalers~~ **retailers**, to purchasers outside of the State, and to any instrumentality of the United States, table wines, containing no more than 14% alcohol by volume, imported into the State ~~in sealed bottles~~ upon the express condition that the importation of said wine ~~in sealed bottles~~ is authorized by the commission.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow Maine bottlers of wine to distribute their products to retail stores. This would allow Maine bottlers to be competitive with out-of-state wineries.