

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1528

H. P. 1214

House of Representatives, March 26, 1975

On motion of Mr. Peterson of Windham, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Peterson of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Prohibiting Repricing of Items in Grocery Stores.

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

17 MRSA § 3967 is enacted to read:

§ 3967. Repricing of items in grocery stores prohibited

Once any agent of a grocery store or group of stores under common ownership has fixed any authorized notation of price on an item intended for retail sale, no agent of that store or group of stores shall fix a notation of a higher price on the item nor shall any agent of that store or group of stores sell the item at a higher price as long as the item remains for sale within the store or group of stores. The term "grocery store" means any store selling primarily food products as defined in Title 35, section 1760, which are to be consumed off the premises of the store and includes supermarkets and stores for the sale of meat, fish or poultry. "Fixed" means any physical placement or marking of a notation on a tangible item which forms part of the inventory of a grocery store. Any owner of a store whose agent has violated this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act will prohibit any grocery store from raising the price of an item once the store has brought the item into the store and marked a price on it.