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Legislative Document

No. 744

H. P. 607 House of Representatives, March 8, 1977 On Motion of Ms. Clark of Freeport referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Innkeepers, Victualers and Lodging Houses.

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

30 MRSA § 2703-B is enacted to read:

§ 2703-B. Advance reservation; refund

Any guest of any hotelkeeper, innkeeper, boarding housekeeper or lodging housekeeper having made an advance reservation with a deposit thereon shall not be entitled to a refund if he fails to fulfill his stay. However, the hotelkeeper, innkeeper, boarding housekeeper or lodging housekeeper shall refund to the guest any deposit paid by the guest if the room is relet. A copy of this section shall be posted in each rental unit.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that persons making reservations at hotels or other facilities shall forfeit any deposit made if they fail to fulfill their reserved stay. This will assist in preventing people from making reservations in several hotels during busy times of the year. Innkeepers will be required to post a copy of the law in order to give guests notice of their refund policy.