

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 862**

H. P. 678

House of Representatives, March 9, 1977

On motion of Ms. Clark of Freeport, referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cox of Brewer.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Operation of Vending Machines.

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

to **MRSA c. 218** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 218**

**VENDING MACHINES**

§ 1491. **Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings.

1. **Vending machine.** "Vending machine" means any self-service device offered for public use which, upon insertion of a coin, coins, token, paper currency or by other means, dispenses food, beverage or other tangible personal property either in bulk or in package.

§ 1492. **Attendants required**

Any person who owns, leases or operates a premise open to the general public or on which is located one or more vending machines shall provide that a person or persons be present on the premises where the vending machine is located during the hours when the premises are open to the public who shall be responsible for the proper operation of the machine or in lieu thereof shall affix to such machine in a prominent place the name, address and telephone number of the person or persons responsible for the proper operation of the machine.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that persons having vending machines on their premises must provide attendants to assure the proper operation of the machines or must post the name, address and telephone number of such persons on the machines.